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PANDIT NEHRU

India To Leave The British Commonwealth SEVERING TIES SOON DECLARES NEHRU

New Delhi, Mar. 8.—The Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, said today that India will sever her Commonwealth ties and become an independent Republic "within the next few months."

During a Parliamentary debate of foreign affairs, Mr. Nehru declared that India would not commit herself to future military or political alliances but would pursue the role of a world peace-maker. He said that for this reason, India would soon end her Commonwealth relations and become an independent Republic upon the adoption of the new constitution.

Premier Nehru maintained that the supreme question now facing India and the world was how to avoid another global war. He said if India is kept clear of alliances, it would be best fitted to play a part in the avoidance of war as the "meeting ground of the East and West."

Serious Turn In W. Hunan Revolt

Shanghai, Mar. 9.—The three-weeks old rebellion in West Hunan Province, where a force of some 10,000 disarmed elements, aided by troops deserters, are attempting to overthrow General Chiang Chien's Provincial Government, took a serious turn during the past 48 hours with the rebels capturing Yenki, where an arsenal is located, and attacking Yuanling, according to Chinese reports today.

These two cities are probably the last in West Hunan. The Nationalist authorities of the province, who recently rushed all regular troops northward to bolster the Yangtze river defenses, are said to have sent an urgent request to Nanking for reinforcements.

The rebels, whose weapons range from pitchforks to captured machineguns, are reported to have no political background. Their revolt is said to be prompted solely by a desire for political and economic reform.—Reuter.

Therefore, the Prime Minister avowed that India in the future would bind herself with other nations only for the purpose of consultation and co-operation in the interests of peace.

"We will not interfere with other peoples and we will resist all interferences in our affairs. India will not become part of the world manoeuvring for future war."

Premier Nehru told Parliamentary representatives that India and Asia, unlike Europe, had no legacy of conflicts and old injuries and therefore were well able to play the peace-maker role. "In our external policy as well as our internal political and economic policies, we do not accept anything which in the slightest degree may mean dependence upon any outside authority."

However, Mr. Nehru said this did not mean that India had any intention of withdrawing from the United Nations. "We are prepared to associate with other countries in a friendly way and within the United Nations structure."—United Press.

3 Candidates For China's Premiership

Nanking, Mar. 9.—Acting President Li Tsung-jen will choose between three candidates when he makes his final choice for the Premiership, sources close to the President told Reuters this morning.

The candidates are said to be: firstly, Dr. Ku Meng-yu, former Kuomintang Minister of Communications who had declined to accept the Deputy Premiership in Dr. Wang Wen-hao's cabinet; secondly, General Ho Ying-chin, leader of the Whampoa Military Academy clique in the Army and the Kuomintang; and thirdly, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Governor of Taiwan and defender of this important besieged Nationalist city in North China.

Another probable candidate, according to Reuters sources, is said to be Professor Chen Ku-yen, a prominent legislator who is taking an important part in the movement to reduce the size of the Cabinet to eight portfolios and two Commissions.

The present portfolios of Land Administration and Health should be incorporated in the Ministry of the Interior, the Audit portfolio incorporated in the President's Office and the Ministry of Food in the Finance Ministry, according to Professor Chen's plans.—Reuter—AAP.

The King To Undergo An Operation Not Dangerous Says Bulletin

London, Mar. 8.—King George VI is to undergo an operation to improve the blood supply to his right foot, it was officially announced tonight.

The announcement, made in a Buckingham Palace bulletin signed by six doctors, stated that the operation would be performed at an early date. The official announcement added that the King's general health was excellent.

It is understood the operation is not dangerous. It involves an incision on the right side to cut the nerves controlling the blood supply to the foot.

The decision to operate does not indicate any sudden development in the King's condition, a Court reporter stated tonight. There is no cause for alarm over the King's condition.

The text of the official announcement read: "The King's health continues to be excellent. In the left leg the flow of blood has been restored in the main arteries to a satisfactory degree. In the right leg the main artery is still obstructed and the circulation is being carried on, less efficiently than in the left leg, through a collateral circulation."

"With a view to improving the blood supply to the right foot, and to safeguard this for the future, we have advised His Majesty that the operation of lumbar sympathectomy would be performed on the right side. The King has accepted this advice and the operation will be performed at an early date."—Reuter.

NOTHING TO ALARM

Court sources, emphasizing tonight that there is no cause of any kind for alarm, said that ever since the King's illness was diagnosed, the doctors have had the possibility of an operation in mind.

A period of complete rest was essential before an operation could be contemplated in order to prepare the collateral arteries—the group of small arteries surrounding the main leg artery—to take up the strain of the extra blood flow to the foot.

It was understood that the operation will take place during the next week—possibly at Buckingham Palace. Lumbar sympathectomy, though it is not a common operation, is a well-known technique for dealing with diseases of the arterial obstruction. The operation is a comparatively new development of the surgery of the nervous system, which was first successfully performed about 20 or 25 years ago.

It is by no means a dangerous operation, according to high medical authorities, and in most cases the patient need remain under the anaesthetic for not more than 30 minutes.

The operation consists of a small incision in the skin of the side to enable the nerve controlling the blood supply to the foot to be cut. This results in a dilation of the blood channels and subsequent relief of the condition by effecting a greater blood flow through the small collateral arteries.—Reuter.

Next War In Arctic

Aboard HMS Vengeance, off Rosyth, Scotland, Mar. 8.—It was a "dead certainty" that any future conflict would be fought in the Arctic, Commander E. B. Mott, of the United States Navy Bureau of Ordnance, said today.

Commander Mott was aboard the light aircraft carrier Vengeance (13,000 tons) as the United States observer when it arrived in the Firth of Forth today from month-long tests of warships and aircraft under Arctic conditions.

Unless the Arctic problem was solved now, the commander declared, "we may find ourselves unprepared for Arctic warfare."

The Anglo-Americans must enter into the problems of Arctic warfare wholeheartedly. "Unless we can overcome the adverse weather handicaps, the Arctic is not a natural field for aircraft warfare. The whole fate of a nation depends on the weather, for the Arctic appears to be a natural habitat for lurking submarines."—Reuter.

BANK HOLD-UP REPORT DENIED

It was stated by officials of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank this morning that nothing was known of the reported hold-up of a bank customer yesterday, who, it was alleged, was robbed of his money as he was leaving the premises. Police are investigating the report.



KING GEORGE VI

Baldwin To Return To Leeward Is.

HAS TALK WITH
MR ATTLEE

London, Mar. 8.—Earl Baldwin, Governor of the Leeward Islands, is going back—in spite of the indignant criticism of his rule from the "upper crust" of society in the tiny British sugar colony.

The loquacious, prankish son of Stanley Baldwin, pre-war Conservative leader and a former Premier, said the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today, and came out smiling.

"Matters have been settled to our mutual satisfaction," he told Reuters after the interview.

The man, who has been accused of insulting United States air base personnel, officers of the Royal Navy and British officials and politicians, expects to leave for Government House, Antigua, on Friday.

THREE INTERVIEWS

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, was present when Earl Baldwin went to No. 10, Downing Street, the Premier's official residence. Lord Baldwin had had three interviews with the Colonial Secretary since his recall to London "for consultations" a month ago.

A despatch from Antigua said yesterday that it was clear that whatever decision the Government took on Lord Baldwin's future, many people in the Leeward Islands would be disappointed.

Local labour organisations were pressing strongly for the return of a Governor they regarded as their champion against the "tyranny of the sugar barons."—Reuter.

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Prison For 13 Pastors

FOUR TO SERVE
LIFE TERMS

Sofia, Mar. 8.—Four Protestant pastors were sentenced to life imprisonment for espionage. Nine others were given terms ranging from five to 15 years. Two were released on parole.

The Sofia district court, where the 15 ministers had been on trial since February 25 on charges of treason, espionage and black marketing, did not invoke the death penalty in any case.

Judge Constantine Undjev, presiding justice of the three-man court after reading the sentences, commented that all countries have the death penalty for espionage but the court was lenient because of "your sincere confessions."

SATISFIED

All defendants announced that they were satisfied with the verdicts and sentences. The prosecution also expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the mass trial.

Under the Bulgarian law, the sentences went into effect at once. If either side had been dissatisfied it could have appealed to the Supreme Court. The sentences were handed down under a complex system of varying charges against separate defendants. They overlapped and duplicated in many cases with regard to prison terms, fines and deprivation of civil rights for various periods.

The heaviest sentences went to the four pastors labelled by the prosecution as the leading defendants. Their composite sentences allowing for overlapping and duplications, were life imprisonment, fines of 1,000,000 leva (US\$3,500) and loss of civil rights forever.

THOSE SENTENCED

These four were: Vassil Georgiev Zynkov, 48, Congregationalist; Yanko Nikolov Nikolov, 48, Methodist; Nikola Mikhailov Naumov, 49, Baptist; and Georgi Nicolov Chernov, 46, Pentecost.

Other sentences were: Lambri Marinov Mishkov, 41, Congregationalist, 15 years; Georgi Nikolov Vassov, 48, Baptist, 15 years; Ivan Angelo Stankulov, 44, Baptist, 10 years; Zahari Spassov Raychev, 50, Baptist, 10 years; Mitko Metev Dimirov, 39, Church of Christ, six years and eight months; Haralan Vazov Popov, 41, Pentecost, 15 years; Fravko Ivanov, Bezlov, 28, Methodist, 15 years; and Alexander Georgiev Zahariev, 74, Methodist, and Georgiev Dinev, 40, Pentecost, were released on parole.—United Press.

KARENS IN CONTROL

Burma Govt. Faces
Grave Situation

London, Mar. 8.—Reports from Burma said today that Premier Thakin Nu's Government apparently has lost control throughout the country excepting a 12-mile radius around Rangoon.

Drastic censorship was said to be preventing detailed reports but the headquarters offices of the British interests in Burma received messages relayed from India which indicated strongly that the initiative is now in the hands of the Karens and other insurgent groups.

The Headquarters of the Burmah Oil Company said reports indicated that Yenangyaung, chief oil town in Central Burma, is now in the hands of the insurgents.

Several British companies, including the Steel Brothers, Burma's biggest industrial group, were said to have chartered airplanes to fly their British staff to Calcutta.

Uncensored dispatches said that additional danger to Burma was developing on the Siamese border which is completely under the control of the Communist insurgents.

British Foreign Office sources said that Premier Thakin Nu had sent a "negative reply" to the Commonwealth governments' suggestion that a conciliation mission be sent to Burma.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Those Sinister Confessions

THE Bulgarian trials follow the Hungarian. The Bulgarian confessions follow the Hungarian. There is nothing either strange or abnormal in the confession of guilt by an accused man. There is nothing strange or abnormal in the recantation of views previously enthusiastically held. But there is something strange, abnormal, even sinister about this sequence of trials and confessions in the Soviet Union and its associated countries. It is the endless repetition of a single pattern. The accused men are arrested. They are held in prison several weeks without any communication with the outer world. Then they are brought to trial in a blaze of well organised publicity. They confess. And their confessions are always of precisely the character required by the Government for political and propaganda purposes. A thing, credible once or twice becomes incredible when repeated a score of times. The coincidence is beyond belief. The precise adaptation of confessional supply to propaganda demand creates an inescapable impression of planning. It is the uniformity which is so puzzling, so sinister. This is something which could happen occasionally. But it is beyond credibility or even credulity that it should happen every time. The conclusion is inescapable. Something happens to these men in prison which breaks their will and morale, makes them ready to say almost anything required of them yet leaves no physical traces. It may be the administration of drugs

though of this there is no reliable evidence. It is almost certainly—for of this there is evidence—something like slow psychological torture. For this, among others, we have a witness, Peter Koev, one of the Bulgarian agrarian leaders. He was arrested in July, 1946 and held for three months; he "confessed" and was released; later he was re-arrested. His fate is unknown. But during his release he made a signed statement. He was kept hungry for three weeks; only a little bread and water each day. Then "interrogated" for five days. An hour's questioning at a time while he stood handcuffed without food or water. "On the fifth day I collapsed and was taken back to my cell. You reach a state of utter physical and moral collapse. You become completely indifferent towards your own life and fate, you long only for the end, any end, which will bring relieve from suffering." This may well be an explanation of the "confessions" of "accomplices," hints of which Koev speaks ("that your family has been arrested and will be tortured"). What seems entirely certain is that these convenient confessions are the direct outcome of some experience undergone behind prison walls. They may not be in every single case entirely false. For it may be admitted that there is far more treachery among Communists than in more healthy societies. But the confessions are in such circumstances at least as likely to be false as true. They are utterly valueless as evidence of anything.

Bao Dai Signs Franco-Vietnam Agreement

Paris, Mar. 8.—The President of the French Republic, M. Vincent Auriol, and the ex-Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, today formally signed an agreement proclaiming the unity and independence of Vietnam in the framework of the French Union.

After the ceremony, which took place in the President's Office, Bao Dai announced that he would leave for Saigon on April 25 as head of the new State of Vietnam.

He said today's agreement was the detailed development of a draft signed aboard a French cruiser last June and superseded all treaties signed between France and "my ancestors."

Major economic and social reforms would be introduced to raise the living standards of the people in Indo-China, he added.

The agreement took the form of an exchange of letters between them as a basis for the future relation of the two countries.

ASSEMBLY DEBATE

The French Government has fixed March 11 for a debate on Indo-China, where France has been intermittently fighting the Vietnamese Nationalists—led by the Communist President, Dr. Ho Chi Minh—since December 1946.

The debate is intended to end with a vote ratifying the agreement, details of which are being kept secret for the time being, and in particular, recording Parliamentary assent to the rescinding of the old French treaty rights in Cochinchina, the rice-bowl of Vietnam.

From Saigon it was reported that Dr. Ho Chi Minh's Government had announced over Radio Vietnam that it was preparing a list of war criminals.

The full text of the agreement for Vietnam autonomy within the French Union, signed in Paris today, may be published until Bao Dai returns to Saigon as head of the Vietnam State.

Usually reliable sources, gave these highlights of the agreement:

1.—Vietnam would consist of the three provinces of Annam, Tonkin and Cochinchina and would have administrative autonomy.

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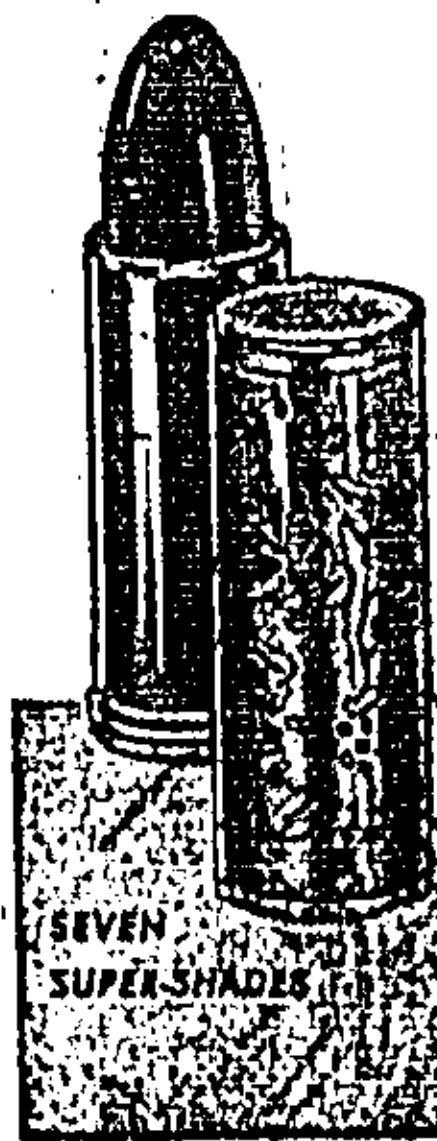
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WOMANSENSE

CLOTHES ARE SIMPLER AND MORE RESTRAINED

By JOAN ERSKINE

LONDON. The fashion shows in London were accompanied, appropriately enough, by the opening of a new couture house in Mayfair.

Helena Geffers, youngest of the independent couturiers, showed her small and original collection in striking surroundings. The Spanish House, tucked away in the exclusive West End, is reputed to be one of the most beautiful houses in London. Certainly the vast, pillared hall-like room, with its great fireplace, bottle-paned windows, and small gallery, was something new in fashion salons.

Miss Geffers took the unusual step of including in her collection three of her last year's models. Two of these were suits, and have weathered the fashion storms of the last year amazingly well. I would say they were the most outstanding features of her whole collection.

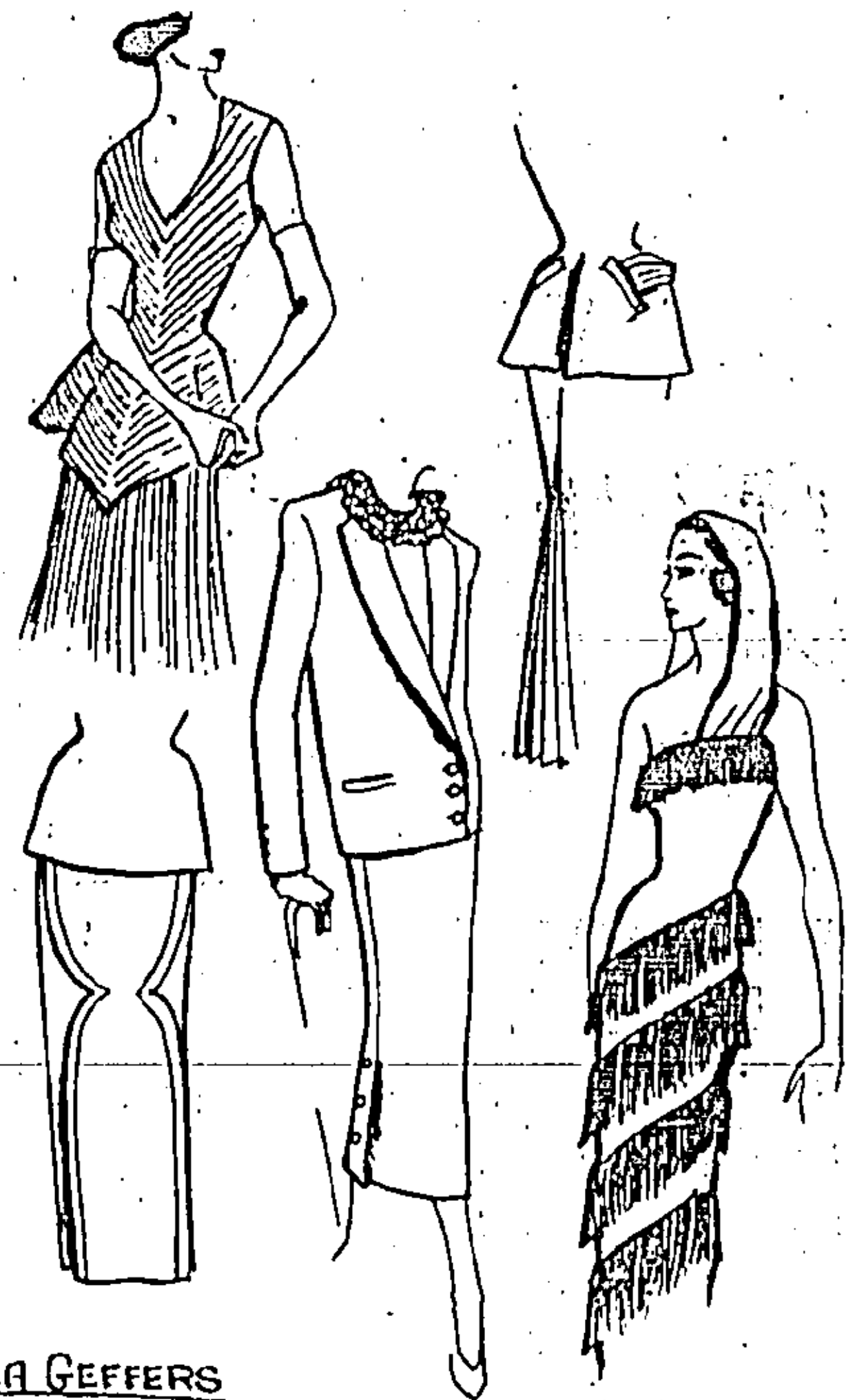
Main fashion points were the slim skirts, back-buttoned (see sketch), long dinner-jacket lapels and straight box jackets. Fitting on the hips. They were made in herringbone worsted in lavender and blue shades.

Unusual material used for an evening dress out on very simple lines was "Cambridge Blue" and white striped woolen rayon, which fell in

one, forming a swinging back panel, and fan pleating with hip-pocket on the other. The entire collection strongly suggested a 1920 revival—only, almost expected to see a long, jade cigarette holder held in a languid hand.

VERY different in every way was Charles Creed's collection. This designer, collector, toy soldier for a hobby—has many hundreds of them—and gains inspiration for his designs from the old fashioned uniforms. A dashing military look characterized his models—a certain precision in the cut of a coat—background.

Sketches for you are some of the interesting details of his collection, a buttoned-back facing, and a back-buttoned coat; a single strap button fastening on a suit jacket, and an elaborately draped skirt, worn with a trim tailored jacket. Small furs are back in favour, worn high round the throat, or loosely over one shoulder. A black fur coat had a brown fur collar—the unusual combination of black and brown has been favoured by designers this season. But most attractive of all were the wide fur stoles wound luxuriously round a spring dress, sometimes draped across the shoulders, sometimes crossing at the back. Buttons were used plentifully on cuffs, skirts, and yokes. A



FROM HELENA GEFFERS COLLECTION.

handkerchief points at the front (see sketch). Because she feels make-up is veering away from pink and white, the predominant colours in her collection were beige and soft brown, clear yellow, tan, orange, tallow and grey.

"Shires and Squires" she aptly named one outfit in evening gown, sketched here. When the jacket was removed, a waistcoat was revealed with all the masculine touches—silk-backed, low buttoned. There was a truly Spanish flavour about "Habanera"—a green gown, sketched here. Down the slim skirt cascaded layers of fringes, and the tall silhouette was further accentuated by an attached stole-cum-scarf.

Also sketched are two back views of suits showing interesting detail—curved seaming on

collar twisted over to create a bow effect had the corners buttoned down. A dress buttoned diagonally from shoulder to hem; reverses were buttoned down; a checked tweed coat buttoned on to the yoke.

A fitted Bedford cord caped coat—Inverness style—was in a key clear lemon, set off by a black velvet collar. The wide caped sleeves had the corners turned back to reveal a black velvet lining. A bottle-green coat had a buttoned curved facing of black reversible material and a deep pointed black collar. The effect was guard-nail-like.

And carrying on the military tradition was a coat in brilliant scarlet, far-cloth. The back fullness fell from a deep inverted pleat down the yoke by an ornamental strapped buckle. The pockets, too, had

"BUZZING" SOUND IN THE EARS

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

BUZZING in the ear or tinnitus is a common symptom. This condition is not correctly named because the sound does not arise in the ear, but is due to some disturbance of the circulation within the skull. A disturbance of the nerve of hearing coming from the brain to the ear, may easily produce the sensation of "ear noises." One of the things that may cause a disturbance of the hearing nerve may be brought on by drugs such as quinine or the salicylates. Other causes are infections and tumours.

A test can be made on the normal ear. If the finger is put into the external ear canal, a sort of rumbling sound is heard. This rumbling sound is not produced by any irritation of the hearing nerve. It is due to blood circulating through the blood vessels in the inner ear. It shows that blood vessels near the ear may, at times,

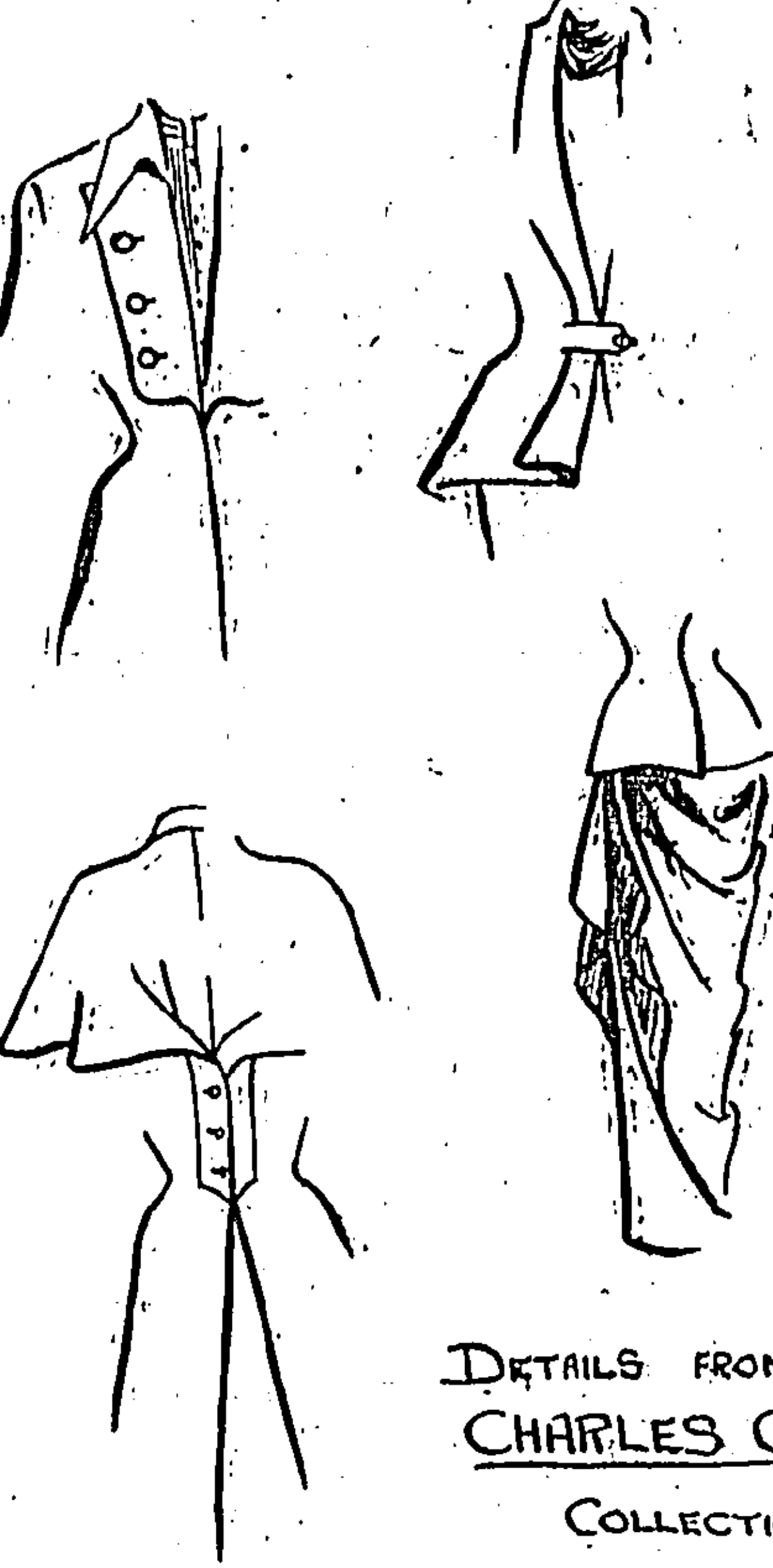
be responsible for the ear noises. This buzzing or tinnitus may also be caused by wax in the outer ear canal or infection of the inner or middle ear by decayed teeth, anaemia, and infections in the nose and throat, which causes irritation of the nerves. Nervous irritability itself also may be responsible.

In some few cases, actual noises are present, such as may be caused by an aneurism or tumour within the brain. An aneurism or brain tumour causes the noise by its effect on the circulation of the blood. A spasm of the eustachian tube which leads from the throat to the middle ear may also cause actual clicking sounds.

Just what can be done in any case of tinnitus depends on

what is producing it. If it is caused by inflammation of the eustachian tube or middle ear infection, treatment often will bring relief. In the ear disorder known as otosclerosis, in which there is some hardening of the tissues of the hearing mechanism, ear noises may persist in spite of all treatment. The patient must be made to realize that these noises, which he hears are not heard by others, and that, in themselves, they are not a serious matter.

In these conditions, such as aneurism or brain tumour, operative treatment may be necessary. So, it can be seen that in all cases of ringing in the ears, there is need for thorough study by a physician so that such conditions as anaemia and high blood pressure may be discovered. Not until that is done can they be properly treated.

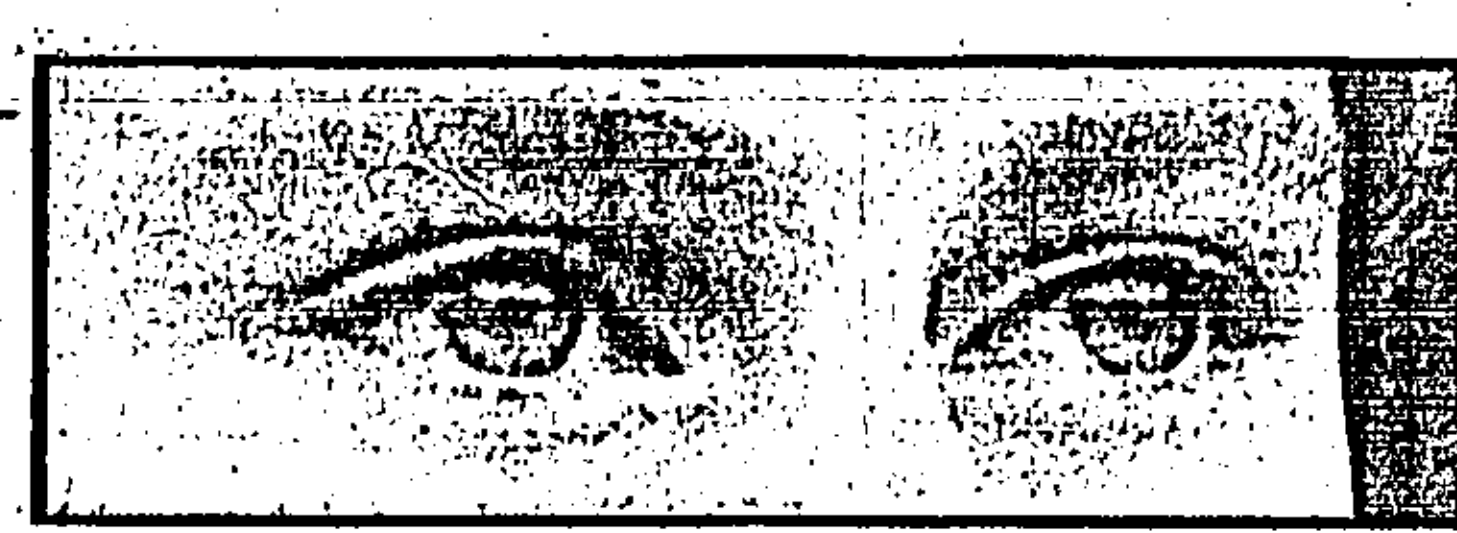


DETAILS FROM CHARLES CREED COLLECTION.

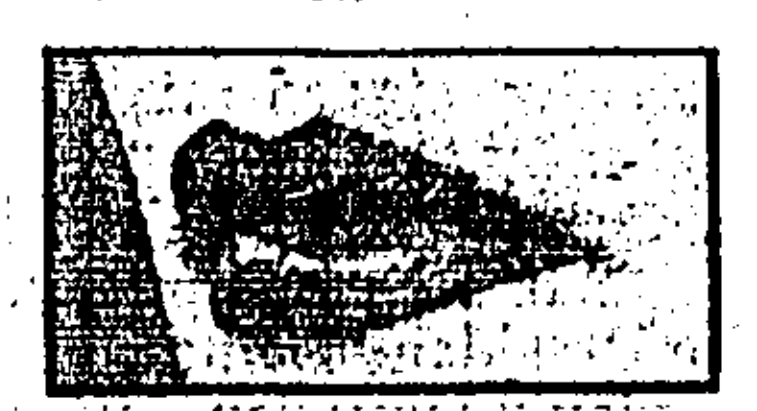
A yellow and black checked waistcoat, buckled at the back, was worn over a black satin ankle-length dress. Another black dress buttoned high at the neck and was cut away in the front to show a jewelled bodice beneath. Black silk jersey was swathed round to the hip, high stocks, striped cravat, and a "Toby" fitting slimly to the knees and then slashed or flared—carried the "Toby Look" one step further. A particularly lovely dress was in stone-coloured, draped, the heavy material was brought up in deep folds from

ankle to waist, and each fold held at the side by a button. Charles Creed is trying to bring couture dresses within the means of younger people by showing tailored dress which will be made to measure for about £25 (with one fitting only). He used gay shirt fronts with his suits, high stocks, striped cravats, and a "Toby" standing right out beneath the chin. Satin is used with wool, neat tailored jacket with deep pointed collar. Revers are deeply pointed and stand out with the look of a brought up in deep folds from

WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL



The most beautiful eyes in the world belong to Princess Margaret, vote the Artists' League of America. And listed among those with the other "loveliest features" are:



RITA HAYWORTH Lips



DUCHESSE OF WINDSOR Eyes



JANE RUSSELL Cheeks

SHE PICKS THEM OFF THE LOT

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD—Eligible actresses in movieland give the matinee idols scarcely a second glance. Instead, they marry doctors, lawyers and oil millionaires.

A girl who is exposed to high-tension emotions all day long, explains Linda Darnell, likes to go home to something safe and solid.

The lucky men don't even have to be good-looking. A lot of movie queens look across the breakfast table at husbands who would lose beauty contests anywhere.

"Most actresses don't give a hoot about the run-of-the-mill male stars," says Miss Darnell, who proved her case when she married Peverell, Marley, a cameraman.

"We're exposed to enough acting and temperament all day without seeking more of the same at home." There's nothing more refreshing for a slicker femme, says she, than rubbing shoulders with a man who is minus the made-in-Hollywood stamp.

Stars Inattentive.

"Male movie stars don't make very good husbands anyway," Miss Darnell says. "They don't pay a girl much attention, because they're paying too much attention to themselves."

In her new picture, "Slattery's Hurricane," Miss Darnell falls head over heels for a devil-may-care pilot, played by Richard Widmark. That explains why her private opinion is that fliers are way up on the list of wonder men.

Right up close to the birdmen she rates newspaper reporters, physicians, sculptors and archaeologists, although she admits it's not always safe to rate a man's appeal according to his occupation.

"Movie heroes are all right in their place, on the screen," said Miss Darnell. "When it comes to finding a real heart-throb, there are greener pastures."

How Beauty Changes Style



Use a light pastel make-up base to achieve the new "fragile" look.

By HELEN FOLLETT

TO travel along the beauty way and to put up a smart appearance is not entirely a matter of keeping in step with new ideas, new fancies. It is also a matter of knowing when a good looks fad is on its way out. One does not want to be dated.

The vivid lipstick is regarded as too lithographic. Finger nail polish is more subdued; some women are going back to coral, which is slightly deeper than the natural colour of the finger sheaths. Eyebrow wedding to the extent that an eyebrow consists of a dozen little fuzzers is old stuff. Stunning women are using make-up so it is not revealing. Mascara is applied lightly. Eye shadows are but the merest film. Rouge is subtle.

There was a time when strong perfumes were all the go. Now the customers are seeking delicate blends. They find that these more precious products have greater lasting qualities than in the past. Bot-

ter one ounce of compelling sweetness than five ounces of nose-disturbing essences.

More and more, women are giving up shoes with extra high heels. They're coming down to earth in more ways than one. To be sure, the little spikes make the feet look smaller, but they do not add to charm or silhouette. They throw the body out of balance, making the chest look narrow, the waist bigger, which isn't so nice. The time has come when high heels will go the way of the steel riveted corset.

There is general improvement in dress, as you surely must have noticed. The plain cap cut of the hair calls for clothes of the utmost simplicity of line. After all, it is the over-dressed woman who is the frump. She adds too many ornaments, her hat is too elaborate, she goes in for fancy shoes in a big way.

A woman should be a greater attraction than her attire. That isn't possible if her sartorial trappings make her conspicuous.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN



A Pressure-Cooked Meal

It was a hot day, and I had been shopping. When I finally got home I went into the test-kitchen and found the Chef looking as cool as a cucumber in his white coat, and high bonnet.

"Madame, looks fatigued," he said. "How about a nice lemonade fixed the way you like it with a little honey?"

"Thank you, Chef. How cool it is here!"

"That is because I am using the stove as little as possible. Everything I am cooking today is from the pressure cooker. It is saving me at least two hours of cooking in the kitchen."

"What have you prepared in the pressure-cooker today?"

"It is the entire menu, Madame. Here it is on the kitchen slate."

Dinner

Cole Slaw
Tomato Relish Dressing
Brown Veal Ragout
Herb Dumplings
Corn-on-the-Cob
Coddled Apples
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

"The coddled apples I prepared early this morning and they are chilling in the refrigerator," he explained. The cabbage for the cole slaw is shredded very fine and is also chilling. The tomato relish dressing is already made. The corn-on-the-cob I leave to be pressure-cooked the last three minutes. Actually in the pressure-cooker now is the brown veal ragout; it takes fifteen minutes to pressure-cook altogether. First I cooked it for eight minutes. Then I cooled the cooker to open and add the vegetables. Now it is fifteen minutes and the ragout is done. So I shall drop in small herb dumplings and simmer-cook without pressure ten minutes more."

"This veal ragout has a very rich brown colour," I remarked. "Obviously you thoroughly pre-browned the meat before pressuring it."

"Of course when it comes to pressure-cooking I know you are the authority," said the Chef. "But I have done something different with this ragout which I hope you will like. Before browning the veal I brushed lightly with a little kitchen bouquet. That is for both the colour and the taste."

Brown Veal Ragout

Cut the meat from 3 lbs. knuckle of veal into pieces suitable for serving. Reserve the bone to cook with the meat. In a large heavy kettle or frying pan melt 1 tsp. granulated sugar, add 2 tsp. vegetable fat or margarine and 1 medium-sized sliced, peeled onion. When the fat melts, put in the veal and brown thoroughly all over. Add 1 tsp.

kitchen bouquet, 1 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, the grated rind of 1/2 lemon, the meat bone and 1 qt. boiling water or better still, liquid drained from cooked vegetables. Cover closely; bring to boiling point and simmer 1 1/2 hrs. When nearly done, remove the bone. Add 1 c. peeled butter onions, 1 c. peeled carrots, cut in rounds and 1 c. coarse-diced celery.

Thicken by stirring in 2 tsp. flour blended smooth with these uncooked milk or water. Cover and simmer 15 min. longer. Then drop in small savoury dumplings. Cover and steam-broil 10 min. Serve the ragout in the centre of a large platter, dumplings around the edge.

Pressure-Cooked Brown Veal Ragout: Follow the preceding recipe with these exceptions:—Use only 2 c. boiling water or liquid drained from cooked vegetables. Bring the ragout to boiling point and process 15 min. Then open the cooker, add the vegetables and process 5 min. longer at 15 lbs. Cool the cooker a second time and drop in the savoury dumplings; cover and steam 10 min. without pressure.

Savoury Dumplings: Sift together 2 c. all-purpose flour, 4 tsp. baking powder and 1/2 tsp. salt. Then melt 3 tsp. shortening; add 1 small, seeded, minced sweet green pepper and 1 peeled minced onion, slowly fry until yellowed, then stir into the flour mixture. Then mix in 1/4 c. whole milk or water. Transfer to a slightly floured board or pastry cloth. Pat into oblong shape 1/2 in. thick. Cut in 1 in. squares, with a sharp knife first dipped in flour. Cook as directed.

Coddled Apples: Wash 4 medium-sized rosy apples. In a shallow sauce pan put 1/4 c. sugar, the grated rind of 1/2 orange and 2 c. boiling water. Cook 5 min. Then add the apples and simmer, slowly, until tender. Turn occasionally so they will cook evenly. Allow about 45 min. Transfer to a glass serving dish. Boil the syrup 15 min. or until thick and red. Pour over the apples to form a rich glaze. Serve very cold, plain or with whipped cream or custard sauce.

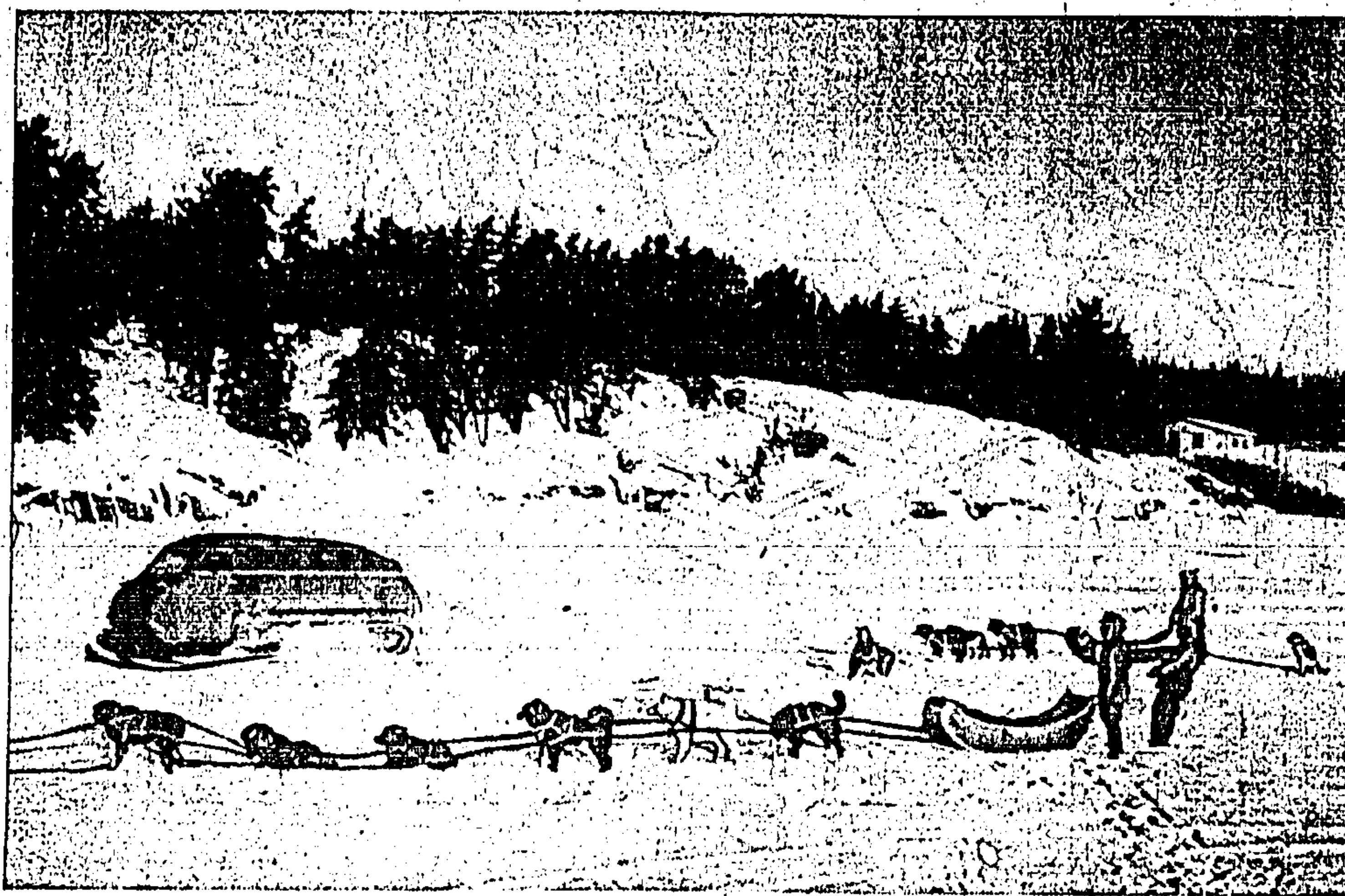
Pressure - Cooked Coddled Apples: Proceed as above putting the apples on a rack in the pressure-cooker. Pour over the syrup. Sprinkle the apples with 10 extra 1/4 tsp. sugar. Close the cooker; bring the pressure to 15 lbs. and process 2 1/2 min. for small apples, 4 min. for large apples. Cool the cooker at once. Boil down the liquid until thick and finish as directed.

All Measurements Are Level Unless Stated Otherwise. Recipes Serve Four.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



COLONIAL PIECE—In Cambridge, Massachusetts, Dr. I. Bernard Cohen, left, and David Wheatland are preparing this rare instrument for an exhibition. During the Colonial period, it was used by Harvard students to demonstrate the motion of the planets and their satellites.



SNOWCAR—A new vehicle, called a "Bombardier," is tested in northern Manitoba. It is powered by an ordinary car engine, can do a mile-a-minute under "good" snow conditions and is steered by two skis in front. The six rubber tyres run on a highly flexible tractor-track. Until now, the only successful means of transportation in Canada's north country has been the dog sled. If the "Bombardier" turns out well, it may put the dogs out of business.



SEWING SONGBIRD—Patrice Munsel, glamorous young star of opera, concert and radio, turns her New York apartment into a temporary sewing room. Miss Munsel is pinning a pattern on a plastic model which duplicates her own figure. She made the blouse and skirt she is wearing.



THOSE EYES!—When the Madison Square Boys' Club held its 27th annual pet show in New York, Skippy, a toy French poodle, was judged the dog with "the most loving eyes." His master, Tommy Killeen, 14, holds him while little Arleen Sajecki coaxes Skippy to have a bite to eat.



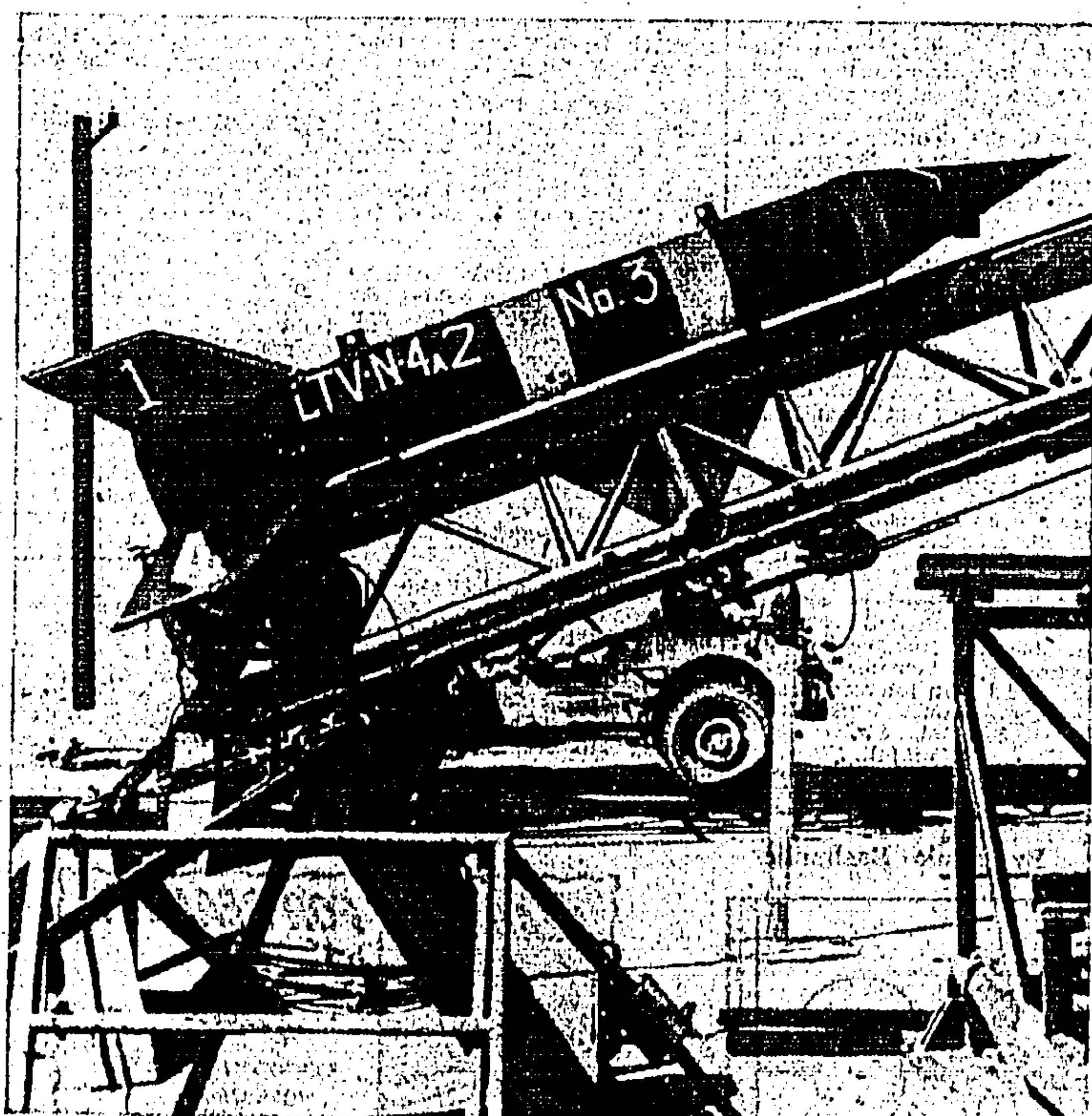
FORMER TROOPSHIP—With the Manhattan skyline in the background, the luxury liner Queen of Bermuda sails into New York harbour. Used to transport GIs during the war, the liner has been completely renovated at a cost of \$7,500,000. She is now making weekly runs to Bermuda.



SWIMMING SUIT?—Film star Luba Malina has her doubts about the use of a swimming suit. She finds it adaptable to field, forest or patio, as long as the photographer is along.



DAMAGED CROPS—A farmer checks the damage done to his fruit trees in McAllen, Texas, by sleet and freezing weather. The recent cold spell caused much of the fruit to fall from the trees, and what remains will be of inferior quality.



NEW BOOSTER ROCKET—Shown here on a launching ramp at the Naval Test Station at Inyokern, California, is a new solid propellant booster rocket. It has been successfully tested and is thought to be the largest solid propellant rocket yet flown.



IN NATURE'S DESIGN—A priest blesses dogs in Rome on St Anthony's Day. All animals from white mice to horses were blessed during the celebration of the feast of the patron saint of domestic animals.



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Sitting on the Fence.... by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL, cor stuff me with dried eggs," said the Sweep, "if that don't take the Untley and Palmer."

"What do?" I asked.

"Why," said the Sweep, "these are little old Ministry of Food police shadowing tins of Russian crab and salmon. Cor stone the crows, it makes you think, don't it?"

"It certainly do."

"If you'd a-told me ten years ago that we'd ave to ave special police to follow tins of salmon about I'd ave called you a liar."

"I daresay you would."

"It shows you what these are little old spivs ave brought the country to. Cor crickey, if little old tins of salmon he'd ave nipped the lot of them and I wouldn't ave worried."

"Nor me."

"All the same," said the Sweep, "I notice they don't ave to ave special police to look after snook."

"They certainly don't."

"And they don't seem to ave got the Flynn Squad out to stop people pinching lipped rhubarb, which is a bit of a drug on the market."

"That's right."

"So I suppose this are Russian salmon is worth eatin if the spivs are after it."

"Must be."

"Cor luvaduck, you with your little old typewriter could type out a nice detective tale about 'The Case of the Stolen Salmon Tin.' It might bring you in a few mouldy coppers."

"It might," I said.

"But even if it did, I daresay the Minister of Enlth would take it orf you to buy somebody a wig or a bottle of cough mixture."

"I wouldn't be surprised."

"So you're much better off sittin on your backside doin nothin."

"I certainly am."

"The order you work the more you pay to the Government."

"Too true."

"It's like the speed of a fleet bein the speed of the slowest ship," said the Sweep, "so don't you worry your fat gettin ahead of anybody else."

"I ain't goin to," I said.

"If you sit tight long enough maybe some old working bloke will ave to buy a wig fer you."

"Maybe."

"And if the Ministry of Enlth decides to look after the other end of your body perhaps you'll ave a bit of ginger put into your old flat feet fer nothink. And very nice, too."

"You'll be able to git round ere in arf the time."

"That's right."

"The skin orf your nose," said the Sweep, "The skin orf your nose."

Behind the Curtain

It is characteristic of all totalitarian Governments who have enmarked their cheering followers as cannon fodder in a future war to tell them a lot of lies about national achievements, claiming the achievements of all other nations as their own.

Goebbels (the bigger the lie, the better it is believed) told hell-ing Huns that Shakespeare was a German. Tolo, or some other little monkeys, told massed, banzi-ing monkeys that a Japanese invented the steam engine.

Through another chink in the Iron Curtain it is learned that the Communists, who are doing this sort of thing better than anybody, have claimed that Russians have written everything, painted everything, composed everything, discovered everything, and invented everything. That is, everything worth while.

In the night school for weary factory workers in Ploonsk the teacher, is asking them questions on Russian history.

"And who," he asks, "was the greatest admiral who ever sailed the seas?"

"NELSONSKY," shout the workers. "He was born at Omsk."

"My father's father knew him," shouts a very old worker. "They were sick in the same ship together."

"And the greatest seaman and discoverer?" asks the teacher.

"DRAKESKY," yell the workers.

"My father's father knew him," shouts the old worker. "They were drunk together in Ploonsk."

"Who wrote 'Hamlet'?"

"It was SHAKESPEARO-VITCH, who was born in Stalingrad."

"He was a butcher's boy. My father's father bought meat from him."

"Who were the first men to fly the Atlantic?"

"A L C O C K O V I T C H and B R O W N S K Y."

"Great friends of my father. They kept in bicycle shop in Vladivostok."

"Who discovered America?"

"CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUSKI, the great seaman of Odessa."

"My father's father's best friend. They went to school together."

things, and gives us our daily bread," shout the poor bewildered cattle.

"My father's father knew him," whines the very old worker. "They were drunk together in..."

"Take him out and shoot him for blasphemy," says the teacher to the captain of the secret police surrounding the workers.

Paws across the sea
MANHATTAN MOUSER, New York underworld tom, was grabbed by reporters as he strolled across La Guardia airfield in a scramble to catch the Transatlantic plane to England and Lottie, his English house cat with the streamlined chassis.

Asked if this was a true romance at last after his long career as an American playcat, Manhattan Mouser answered:

"Every romance is a true romance to me if it don't last more than a couple weeks. As for my career as a playcat, that will last just as long as I can get around and chase a ritzy doll on my four feet."

When another reporter wanted to know why he was flying the Atlantic when America was full of cutie cats, he said:

"Lottie, my honey cat, has something fresh and sweet and innocent about her which cannot be produced anywhere on the American continent, unless you live in Boston, and who the hell wants to live there?"

"She makes you think of English roses in June with a saucer of milk on the lawn; of spring in Park-lane; of winding lanes and little harbours full of little boats; of sweet-scented hedgerows and buttercups in the meadows; of a village tavern with cellar cool; of lavender ladies and antique cassars; of arsenic and old lace. Anyway, she has a swell chassis."

When informed that Lottie had denied reports of the romance and had told London reporters that "they were just good friends," Manhattan Mouser said:

"That is just the hand-out for the London dopes. If we are just good friends, then Antony and Cleopatra was just good friends. And so was Danie and his girl friend. Danie and his girl friend Romie and Julio. And Casanova and the Queen of Sheba. And Ali Baba and his Forty Pep Molls."

"Don't let them give you that English understatement stuff about just good friends."

"Lottie, my honey cat, is the moon and the stars and the sun and the cream in my saucer. She is the beginning and the end; the Alpha and O-de-o-doh, the Omega and what have you, the solace of my sadness, the light in

my darkness, the saucer on my salmon. She is my Sunday dinner."

"She is all the mice in the world, all the fish in the sea, all the tidbits in all the ashtrays everywhere."

"And she has a swell chassis."

In London, Lottie said: "It seems that people are connecting our names. I think I shall fly to Switzerland or somewhere to avoid the publicity."

Letter to a stomach
MY dear Stomach, According to the newspapers, a new treatment for indigestion is being tried out in Birmingham University School of Medicine.

It is hoped to replace the existing method of swallowing a balloon and inflating it inside the stomach to observe gastric movements and pressures by a machine called an electroencephalograph.

This would involve swallowing electrodes instead of balloons, and containing the electrodes inside you while your reactions were recorded on a machine at the other end of the wire.

It occurred to me that you might like to offer yourself as a subject for further experiments as a gesture towards suffering stomachs all over the world.

For your information, an electrode is either of the terminals of an electric current.

Your observations on this proposition would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
N. Gubbins.

Dear Sir, In reply to your undated letter, I have to inform you that I could not, in any circumstances, accept the proposition you have put forward.

Although I can say, I hope without boasting, that I am the best-known stomach in the country, and am fully conscious of my duty to the public and their stomachs, I feel that I am now too old to be a guinea-pig for science.

I would also like to point out that I am particularly sensitive to any instrument being placed near the throat, as you may have noticed when we have been in the dentist's chair, and could not answer for the consequences if electrodes and wires were forced upon me.

No doubt this sensitivity is partly caused through ill-usage over a long period, for which you must take full responsibility.

In any case, I do not consider it necessary to give me electric shocks to find out what is going on down here.

If it would be of any help to the scientists of Birmingham, I could write a detailed report of our life together for the past 30 years.

If they believed it, which is doubtful, it would provide valuable data for the medical profession on human endurance, and also be an interesting commentary on human behaviour.

I remain, Sir, Faithfully,
Your Stomach.

HE WANTS HIS JOB TO STOP

By J. W. TAYLOR

BRITAIN'S super-salesman, who holds the world's record in the sale of used cars, is doing so well that he is aiming to work himself OUT OF HIS JOB within the next few months.

He is Birmingham-born George Henry Bryan, Director of Disposals (Vehicles), Ministry of Supply. In two years he has sold over £200 million worth of used cars, other vehicles and 250 million items of spare parts.

His buyers ranged from "big shots" who deposited bankers' drafts for anything up to £20,000 before starting the serious business of buying, to "silly showmen" types with thousands of pounds worth of banknotes wrapped in brown-paper parcels, who contracted strangely with the homely sort of customer looking for an odd trailer or jeep.

Mr Bryan has been an automobile engineer since the days when he started clocking in at 6 a.m. ("with my billycan under my arm," he says) at the Daimler works. When the war came, the Ministry snapped up his services, using his experience with leading British motor manufacturers at home and abroad for the organisation of repairs to Army vehicles.

Came the cessation of hostilities, and the problem of disposing of the avalanche of surplus vehicles that piled up all over the country. Mr Bryan was asked to do something about it. In the first stages of disposal, he gave manufacturers the chance of buying back their own products, and considerable quantities thus returned to the normal commercial channels.

But by 1946, it became clear that it would not be possible to cope with the number of vehicles still piling up at the rate of 5,000 a week.

THE ONLY WAY
He decided that the only way to avoid having great dumps of army, fire services and other vehicles rusting away over acres of valuable farm land was to start auction sales. Since then more than half a million vehicles have thus been disposed of, as well as others in non-auction deals with other countries such as France, Belgium, Holland, Brazil and Argentina.

The first great sales were at Great Missenden, where the largest disposal operations of vehicles ever attempted by this method brought in a total of 1½ million. Police and patrol dogs guarded the vast vehicle park from ill-disposed persons. It was but one of 30

watching his kingdom shrinking. His auction parks have been reduced to four—Mount Farm, Dorchester; Bryan Hall, Leeds; Elstow, Bedford, and one at Edinburgh. So there will be only two, for there will shortly be too few surplus vehicles to justify the present large organisation.

"And when that day comes, we'll have done the job we set out to do, getting rid of 'em," says Mr Bryan.

He is proud of his staff. "Their job," he says, "has not been without its temptations, but we have never had anything remotely approaching a scandal—not even a whisper."

C.V.R. THOMPSON REPORTS
The American Scene
NEW YORK. Sixty shop assistants were laid off one recent week because there were no customers. Unemployed are taking casual navvy jobs at 5s. an hour, lowest pay since 1938. Some are talking darkly of "bad times ahead."

Others, and there are no headlines, that the banks are safe, that new industries are opening up, that lay-offs are only temporary, and that there will soon be jobs for everyone again.

ONE OF AMERICA'S most famous men is about to become more famous. Dr Alfred Kinsey, whose report on the way American men make love was a sensation, announces from Berkeley, California, that he has finished interviewing 7,000 women for a similar book on them. Said he: "They are much more extreme than men. The results of our interviews are astounding."

VANITY betrayed a thief in New York. Peter Sclarpiano, a 30-year-old ex-convict, has sunken cheeks. He discovered that by putting two small potatoes on the inside of his cheeks he disguised himself perfectly.

So he wore the potatoes while on the job and took them out as soon as he had finished. But he could not bear to look at his hollow cheeks, and so he began wearing his disguise all the time. It took only a week for him to be recognised and arrested.

PROFILE of a typical "hiccup" town—Jackson, Michigan. Population: 60,000. Industries: Motor parts and railway shops. There are 4,500 out of 4,000 workers jobless today. Bartenders say they have sold nothing but beer since Christmas.

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Kwok Continues Own Defence In PWD Larceny Trial

DENIES FALSIFICATION OF LABOUR ACCOUNTS

Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, on trial at the Criminal Sessions in the PWD larceny case, continuing his evidence in his own defence before Mr Justice Williams and a jury this morning, denied that there had been any falsification of accounts because workmen were sent out to jobs before there was a job number for the particular undertaking.

Also on trial with Kwok is Arthur Frederick May, 41, electrical inspector, grade I, charged on three counts of larceny by public servant and falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government.

Kwok is not legally represented, but May is being defended by Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, while Mr A. Hooton, assisted by Mr J. Johnston, ASP, and Mr D. G. MacPherson, ASP, is conducting the case for the Crown.

Resuming his stand in the witness-box, which he entered yesterday afternoon at the close of the case for the prosecution, Kwok said that when the Police came to the Hunghom workshop the workmen were detained outside while he was taken into the premises.

Later a policeman, Lu Muk, asked him if he knew anything about the job at Pokfulam and he replied that he did and that he was instructed by May to do the work.

Then Mr Johnston came forward and asked Lu Muk whether or not he had asked questions, and Lu replied that he had.

His Lordship: Is there evidence of this that is relevant to the charges?

Kwok: We were talking about the Pokfulam job in connection with May.

His Lordship: Did you tell Lu Muk what you have detailed to the Court at length?

Yes.

You have given evidence regarding the counts of larceny of wiring and lamps. Do you wish to say anything about the falsification of labour distribution jobs?—What I said to Lu Muk had nothing to do with falsification of documents.

His Lordship: Do you wish to say anything to the jury now?

NO FALSIFICATION

Kwok: My defence on these counts is this. There has been no falsification of documents because it was usual for workmen to be sent out to work before there was a job number for the particular job. Hence, because of that, labour was charged to other jobs and adjusted when authority had been obtained. I have nothing else to say.

His Lordship: Have you anything to say as regards any of the evidence that you have heard here?

Kwok replied, that he wished to say that in cases where there was no job number the workmen only wrote him a bill for different materials, they drew from his stores and in cases where there was a job number materials drawn would be entered at the back of the estimate and cost sheet by Ho Sung.

In the event of a workman becoming ill there was a form which May signed, for the man to see the doctor.

When a workman wanted leave he came to witness (Kwok) early in the morning and Kwok would instruct the clerk to type out an application form which, after it was signed by May, was sent over to the Wanchai workshop.

Where a job required men to work overtime on Sundays this was authorised by May on Saturdays and the form was sent to Wanchai.

May designed the installations for various jobs. Workmen made out the estimate sheets and passed them on to Lee Po-chang, who put down the cost from the price book in his possession. The sheet was then passed to Lau Shu-wing, who would check it and, after finding it to be correct, would forward it to May's office.

May would then check it over again and correct any estimates that were wrong. The form would then be sent to Wanchai and finally to the Head Office.

When authority for carrying out the job was given May would inform witness in writing the estimate of cost and submit it to May for signature to enable him to obtain materials for the job.

SIGNING OF SHEETS

Further explaining, Kwok said that the estimate cost sheet was not signed by May until the estimate job order had been approved. He himself signed the estimate cost sheet as soon as it was made up.

The estimate cost sheet was next sent to the Wanchai storekeeper who would apply for the materials for him, witness continued. When the stores were delivered to Wanchai he would instruct Ho Sung (a clerk in Wanchai) to make out a stores order note which would be submitted to May for signature, before being sent

to Wanchai. Ho Sung would then take delivery.

The stores order notes always showed the job numbers for which the materials were required, but these materials sometimes went to other jobs not yet approved, Kwok concluded.

Mr Clifford then proceeded to cross-examine first accused.

Mr Clifford: As I understand your story, you say you were not to make a penny profit out of any of these transactions?

Kwok: I was never told that they were money-making jobs.

You just did them out of your sense of duty as a foreman?—Yes, certainly, since May had taken responsibility of doing these jobs and instructed me to do so, I had to do them.

Have you recently been convicted on three counts of stealing Government property?—Yes, but in the case of May I say there was no shortage in the materials.

His Lordship: That's not very clear. What do you mean "no shortage in the materials?"

Kwok: What I mean is this: In May's time in Hunghom there was no shortage of any materials in the Hunghom stores, because every job when completed had to be checked by a clerk and an inventory was then made and submitted to May for further checking before being sent to the occupant of the premises.

Mr Clifford: Am I right in saying that you knew you could take no material without it being discovered in that inventory?

Kwok: That's correct.

His Lordship: Without it being discovered by whom?

Mr Clifford: May I put it in another way, your Lordship? Did you know that an inventory would be made of all the stores, not including cables, of the number of power points and plugs after a job?

Kwok: Yes.

Did you know that those inventories were supposed to be checked in head office against stores issued from head office?—I don't know. All I cared was, May having checked the inventory against the stores in his building, I would take it that everything was all right.

"RETURN NOTES"

If you drew 20 fluorescent lights on a stores order note did you think that May would expect to see in that inventory the whole of those 20 lights that you had drawn if you had not returned any?—In such a case I drew 20 lights for a job and put up only 10, when it was completed, the remaining 10 would then be returned to the stores, together with a stores "return note."

Do you think you could get away with stores that you put less on the job without May finding it out?—May would certainly know exactly how many lights were in the building because it was his duty to visit jobs daily, and if I only put 10 lights in the premises and 20 were in the inventory it would be discovered.

If you got goods on loan from the stores he would not discover it, is that correct?—He would discover that also, because he would find a shortage of materials in the other job.

You misunderstand me. If you put something on the "On Loan Book" from Wanchai, not from any other job, May would not know that, would he?—Yes, I have to inform him. Even in the case of applying for materials from Wanchai on loan, I must first inform May because I cannot borrow any materials from Wanchai without a stores order note, and in the case of applying for stores on loan the words "on loan" would also appear on the stores order note.

I suggest to you that when you take things on loan you do not have a stores order note?—That could not be done.

Are any fluorescent lights on loan to you in that "On Loan Book" that you signed for and have not replaced?—No, I never asked for such fluorescent lights in the "On Loan Book."

The trial is proceeding.

Accuseds "Excellent" Records In Navy

Evidence that the accused had excellent records in the Royal Navy and had given entire satisfaction in their work on board HMS Endeavour, a Fleet tug, was given by Lieut. W. J. Hanns, RN, Officer Commanding HMS Endeavour, before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, when the trial of three British naval ratings on six charges including rape and robbery with violence was continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Lieut. Hanns also mentioned that the second accused, Judge, had recently been given a special mention for bravery and efficiency.

The accused are Joseph McGuinness, 24, Vincent Judge, 25, and William James McConway, 24, all Able-Seamen attached to HMS Endeavour, a Fleet tug.

They are charged on three counts of rape and being aiders and abettors to the same offence, robbery with violence of \$20 from Landing Telegraphist Leslie George Cubitt, 27, of HMS Tanquer, assault occasioning bodily harm to Cubitt, and larceny of \$50, a cigarette lighter and a propelling pencil from Cubitt.

All three accused pleaded not guilty to all counts. They are represented by Mr V. J. L. Dalton, instructed by Messrs Hastings and Co., while the prosecution is being conducted by Mr M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector W. H. Summers.

The Jury comprises six men and one woman.

Lieut. Hanns said that since they were attached to HMS Endeavour in December last year, both McGuinness and McConway had proved satisfactory in their work, and the men's records showed they were of good character.

As for Judge, his character was very good and had been good continuously since he joined the Navy in November, 1943. He had been on the Endeavour for 20 months, and had given entire satisfaction in his work. Recently he had been given a special mention for bravery and efficiency, and the award had been noted with satisfaction by the ship's company.

Cross-examined, Lieut. Hanns agreed that the records produced were official ship's records of character. He admitted knowledge of McGuinness having a previous conviction in a civil court in Gibraltar, but what offence he had committed and what sentence he had received, witness did not know.

GIRL "WILLING"

Called to the witness box, McConway corroborated the stories previously given by his fellow accused of what took place on the night of January 3-4 last. He said that during the time they were in the Red Lion Bar, some Scots Guardsmen became involved in a fight with an American sailor who had a gun with which he threatened the soldiers. McConway said he and Judge separated the men, took the sailor outside and put him in to a rickshaw.

Another American sailor whose acquaintance they had made in the bar asked them to accompany him to get some women, McConway continued, and the accused went with him because the American said he would pay for them all.

Discussing the incidents in the hut where the alleged rape occurred, McConway declared that the girl, Lee Yuk-ngo, offered no objection to the attentions of the three accused. She was very willing, he declared.

Cross-examined, McConway denied that the story he had given was agreed upon between the three accused following their detention. He admitted he was drunk then but his companions.

The trial is proceeding with the Counsel's closing addresses to the Jury.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (right), recalled to temporary duty as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, has President Truman as an attentive listener as they converse at an air show at Andrews Field, Washington, D.C.—AP Picture.

Defence Against Submarines BRITAIN DEVELOPING NEW WEAPON

London, Mar. 8.—Britain is making progress with a new submarine weapon, Mr John Dugdale, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, told the House of Commons today. It was hoped to get a prototype for trials in a destroyer this year, he added.

"In a future war," Mr Dugdale declared, "it may be that the Atlantic will become like the Mediterranean in the past, with England taking the place of Malta."

Mr Dugdale was speaking on the Navy Estimates for 1949-50, amounting to £189,230,000 and Supplementary Estimates of £15,500,000 for the current year.

Mr Dugdale described as "no dream" a recent statement by Mr John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the United States Navy, that in a future war there may be as many battles under the sea as on the surface.

Modern submarines might remain submerged for five weeks and travel at 20 knots.

"We are ourselves working on this problem. Our results are quite spectacular and most satisfactory, but there is no reason to suppose that other nations are not doing the same and having equal results," he said.

The Admiralty did not consider—the modern—submarine invulnerable. Its greatest enemy was the frigate, of which Britain had about 150. They formed part of her reserve fleet.

Mr Dugdale added that the Admiralty was also making prototypes of two fast frigates converted from existing destroyers which would have greatly increased speed. If this was successful, a much bigger conversion programme would come later.

In short, we hope we shall be able to make the life of the most modern submarine both hazardous and uncomfortable," he said.

Austrian Treaty: Russia Backs Yugoslavia's Claim For Reparations

London, Mar. 8.—Russia today supported Yugoslavia's demands for "substantial" reparations from Austria.

The United States, Britain and France, however, all reserved their opposition to extracting reparations from Austria.

The Russian Ambassador, Mr George Zarubin, asked the Big Four representatives working on the Austrian peace treaty to appoint a sub-committee to consider the Yugoslav reparations claim.

The West tentatively rejected the sub-committee idea.

The American delegate, Mr Samuel Reber, apparently feared that the creation of a sub-committee would mean acceptance of the principle that reparations should be paid.

Mr Reber told the Yugoslav claim had no legal basis or economic justification. If Yugoslavia needed help in rebuilding its economy, Mr Reber said, reparations from Austria was not the answer.

He added, however, that the United States was willing to consider ways of improving economic relations between Austria and Yugoslavia for the benefit of both.

This, in effect, was holding out to Yugoslavia the prospect of better relations with the West if Belgrade eased its demands on Austria.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Run along with your father, Dorothy, and carry the cookies and doughnuts for him—I don't want to run short at your party tonight!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Future Of China

Sir,—Rarely, if ever, has the local press presented a truer and more lucid insight of the present politics in China, than your editorial of yesterday's date.

Your enlightenment agent Dr Sun Fo's resignation, is without doubt or contradiction whatsoever.

It would be a truism to state that whatever maybe the outcome of the coming peace 'parley,' China will be divided between two powers from the North and South.

Therefore, whether it will be a coalition government or a continuation of the civil war; it will be between Mao Tse-tung in the North and Li Tsung-yan in the South.

That Li has today the unstinted support of the people in the South, particularly from Kwangtung and Kwangsi there is the least doubt.

Whether Chiang Kai-shek and his clique including his brother-in-law T. V. Soong, Sun Fo, H. H. Kung and company, are welcomed to this Southern regime, is extremely doubtful.

The mere mention of this Soong clan at present, is at once obnoxious and repugnant to the Chinese, even probably of greater resentment by the Cantonese.

Undoubtedly, it is in Li Tsung-yan and his party at present, that the people of China are banking and hoping for greater security, peace and prosperity in the future.

How much this Southern regime will be able to accomplish in co-operation with a Red-dominated party, is a matter which only the future will tell.

Nevertheless, every foreigner who is a true and sincere friend of the Chinese will hope that the present chaos in China will end soon, thus enabling this great empire to rise as a guiding light of true democracy in the East, gloriously besting her dignity and prestige in this side of the world.

M.P.

New GY Notes

Shanghai, March 8.—The financial authorities said today that GY1,000 notes are expected to circulate tomorrow.

Although equivalent to US\$250 when it was introduced in August last year, the highest GY note will, at present, be worth only 20 cents on the blackmarket.—United Press.

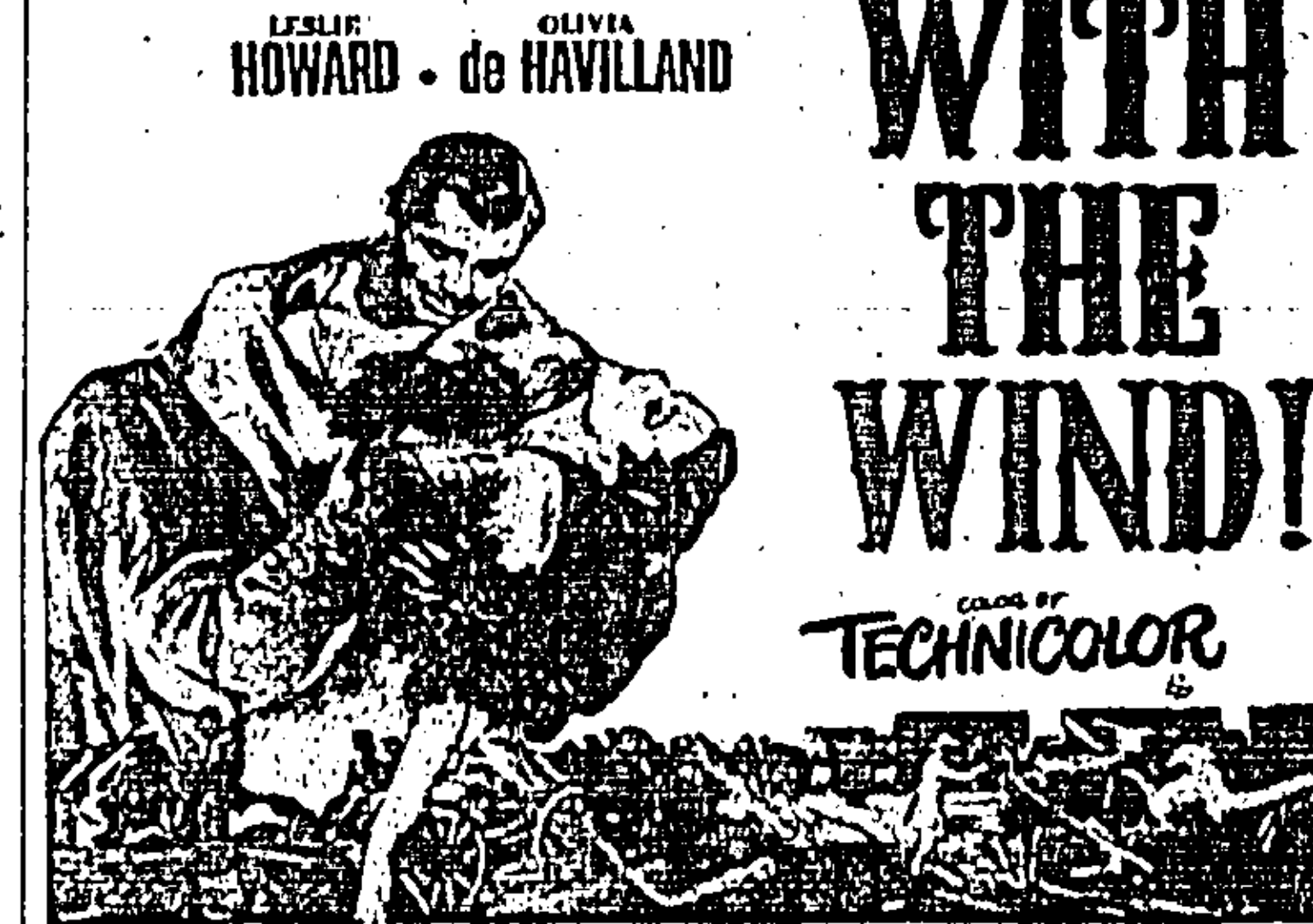
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Police Van In Radio Hongkong Collision

Traffic was held up at 7.45 this morning outside the main gate of the Naval Dockyard, when a police van ran into the back of a lorry.

The collision took place on the tram lines, and the passengers of several trams behind the two vehicles got out and walked to their offices rather than face the delay.

Both vehicles appeared to be only slightly damaged.

Baldwin Returning To Looward Is

(Continued from Page 1)
Two local labour leaders who came to London for talks on sugar pleaded his cause with the Colonial Secretary. His critics in the islands said it was creditable that the Governor should champion the "common man" but he need not have "ranged himself against the forces and persons who represent responsibility, law and order in the colony."

Official sources were silent on the details of the interview. There was an impression that the talks may have smoothed out any policy differences that existed.—Reuter.

SIX KILLED IN CYCLONE

Bombay, Mar. 8.—Six people were killed when a 60-mile an hour cyclone hit Sylhet in Eastern Pakistan last night. About 1,000 buildings were damaged.

DANISH BADMINTON PLAYERS COME HOME DISHEARTENED

BOAT RACE

Cambridge Trial

London, Mar. 8.—The Cambridge University Boat Race crew rowed their first full course trial over four and a quarter miles this evening in 21 minutes two seconds.

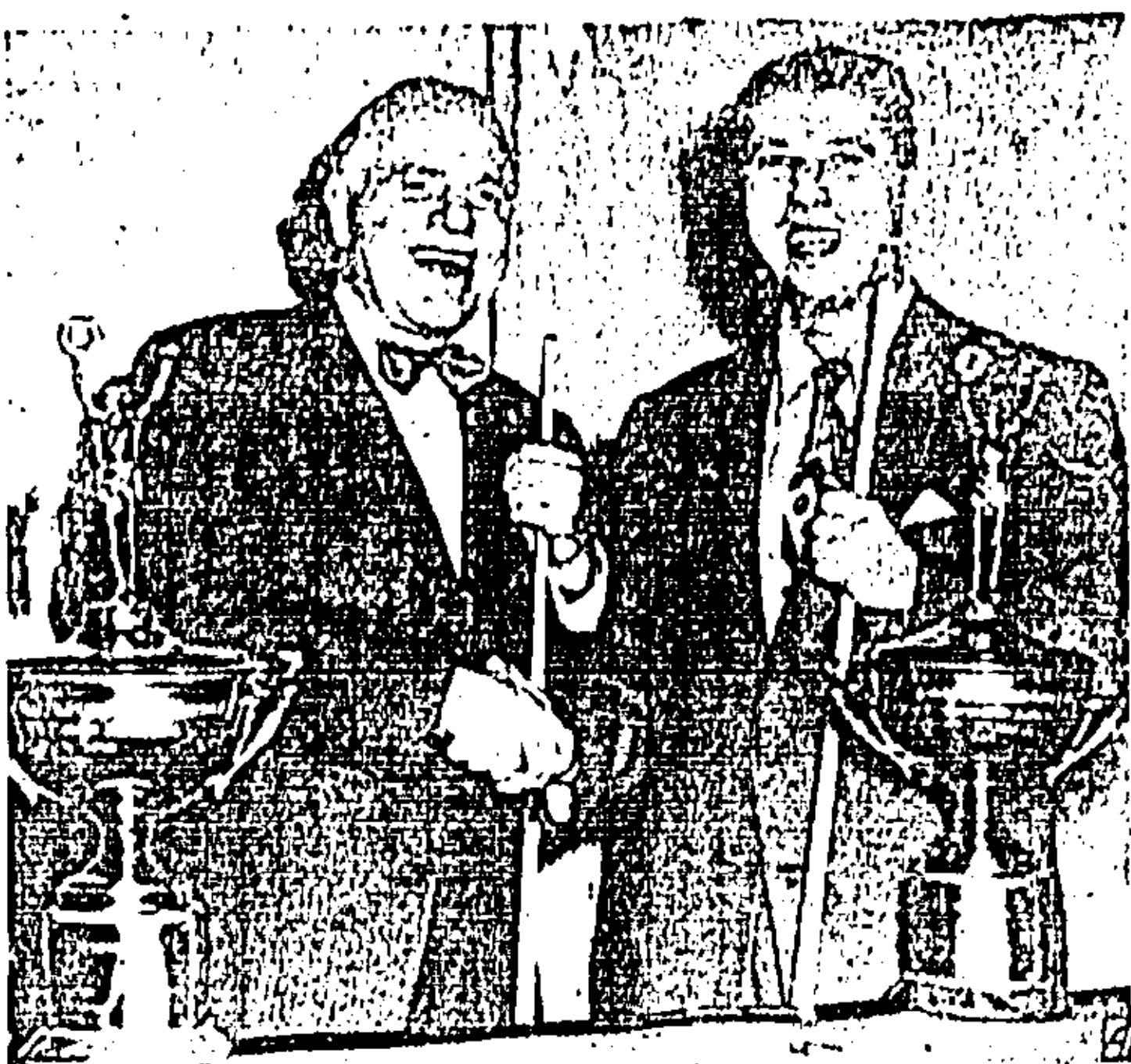
It was not an outstanding performance, considering that they had a following wind most of the way, reasonably smooth water and a good flowing tide.

The crew did not impress as being lively enough in their spring from the stretchers, and were often short in their swing. This meant insufficient work behind the riggers, and in consequence they failed most of the time to catch the running water and keep the boat moving evenly.

There was no visible sign of distress at the end, which suggested that the stroke, D. M. Jennings, might have got more out of the crew had he desired to do so.

For the greater part of the trial they did not go over what might be described as a strong paddle. Their rate was as low as 20 and seldom higher than 30.—Reuter.

KINGS OF THE CUE



Willie Hoppe (left) of White Plains, N.Y., shakes hands with Jimmy Caras (right) of Upper Darby, Pa., after the two had respectively won the world's three cushion billiard title and the pocket billiard title in Chicago.

Hoppe defended his title in six successive victories without a setback. Caras regained the pocket title he held in 1936 and 1938 with four wins and two defeats.—AP Wirephoto.

"A Slippery Floor At Preston"

By AAGE GRAUBALLE

Copenhagen, Mar. 8.—Denmark's Thomas Cup badminton players returned yesterday after an unforgettable trip to England that cost them a world championship, four all England championships and their courage and self-confidence.

In the Thomas Cup final, Denmark was beaten 8-1 by Malaya. "It was an enormous disappointment to us," said N. Kristensen, Secretary of the Danish Badminton Union.

"I admit that we regarded ourselves as the strongest badminton nation in the world. We won the European zone championship without losing a single match and expected to be the world champions although we realised that the Malaysians would be hard to beat."

"The cause of our defeat was a psychological one," Kristensen continued. "In his first match our strongest player, Joern Skarup, was swept off the floor by Malaya's Law Telk-hock. This defeat influenced the morale of Skarup's fellow players. They got nervous and lost."

"SCANDALOUS"

Skarup would have defeated Law Telk-hock anywhere else, Kristensen contended. "The conditions in Preston's badminton hall were scandalous," he said. "The floor was slippery, and that put Skarup under a handicap because he was a heavy player than his opponent."

"The day before the match I visited the hall and pointed out that the floor was too slippery. I was told that it would be rubbed and that it would be fine the following day, but it was not."

"I do not think we could have beaten Malaya, but under better conditions the result might easily have been 6-3 or 5-4."

None of the Danes played up to their standard in the All-England matches, Kristensen said. "I do not want to excuse our defeats. The Malayan and American players, especially Dave Freeman, were excellent players. They knew how to play badminton. I never saw any thing like it before. But the Thomas Cup beating still haunted the Danes."

Denmark lost four of her five All-England championships and retained only one, the ladies' Singles.

LESSONS OF DEFEAT

What did the Danes learn from their defeat? "We realised that we must concentrate on special training," Kristensen said. "We have never done that before in our practice. We have only been playing matches. Now we must concentrate our efforts on one thing—net play."

The Malaysians were fantastic at the net. Their returns were just one fraction of an inch above the net and they knew how to do it even from the most difficult angles. "Besides, our doubles players must be worked more firmly."

The standard of this game was high even though Vieira and Gonsalves unintentionally did everything but hit the net. In their enthusiasm to return every shot they went sprawling all over the floor and, each other. They even managed to hit each other in the course of the game.

Vieira displaced the net twice by sliding into the stand in chase of elusive drops from Ngan.

Apart from the spills, Vieira was really outstanding with his returns of the tricky shots from his opponents while Gonsalves' smashes had power behind them.

However their smashes, though powerful, lacked placement and Ngan and Hung had little difficulty in returning them.

Ngan's tricky cross court drops and other strokes were put to good use but at times he liked to play to the gallery and this had a tendency to spoil the accuracy of his execution.

Ngan and Hung won on steadiness. If Vieira and Gonsalves learn to place their smashes and drop shots, they will go far in future tournament.

together. They made too many mistakes in Preston and in London too. Radical changes in our training programme will inevitably follow."

Denmark's Badminton Union would like to show the Malayan players and Dave Freeman to the Danish fans, but the Malayan demands seem to be too high.

"The Malaysians have increased their demands, since they won the World Championship," said Kristensen. He did not want to elaborate but it is believed that the economic situation in Malaya is too heavy for the not too wealthy Danish Union.

The Union, however, will discuss the problem tonight and will possibly ask Sweden to share in the expenses of a Malayan visit.

"The Malaysians would go to Sweden as well as to Denmark," Kristensen said. "I think it only natural that the two countries should share the expenses."

"If the Malaysians were to come they would arrive in Copenhagen about April 10. They would play a national match against Denmark and afterwards participate in the international tournament on April 14 to 18.—Associated Press.

New York State Says "No" To Louis

New York, Mar. 8.—Joe Louis failed today in a bid to obtain recognition from the New York State Athletic Commission for the proposed world heavyweight championship fight between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott.

The former champion called on Mr. Eddie Egan, the Commission's Chairman, and said afterwards that Mr. Egan had declared that the Commission would only support an eliminating series.

Louis has already obtained sanction from the National Boxing Association, which controls American boxing everywhere in the country except New York State, to describe the Charles v. Walcott fight as for the championship, which Louis himself vacated recently.

He is promoting the fight on behalf of the International Boxing Club, of which he is a partner.

Louis said that he decided to retire because there was "this fine opportunity for me to stay in boxing as a promoter."

SAVOLD DECLINES
Bill Daly, Lee Savold's manager, confirmed today that Savold had been offered by Louis' promotional outfit first chance to fight for the title vacated by the Brown Bomber. He said Savold turned it down because of previous tournaments.

After Savold declined, Charles and Walcott signed for the fight.—United Press.

SOLOMONS WANTS A LONDON FIGHT

London, Mar. 8.—British fight promoter Jack Solomons is likely to say "no" to any offer to move his first heavyweight world championship fight to New York.

Solomons expects a telephone call late today from Harry Markson of New York's 20th Century Sporting Club with the offer.

Solomons believes the fight between Lee Savold of England, New Jersey, and either Freddie Mills or Bruce Woodcock of England can draw more in London than in New York.

There has not been a world heavyweight championship here this century.

Mills, world light heavyweight titleholder, and Woodcock, British heavyweight champion, will meet on June 2. The winner will fight Savold.

Lee Savold is not accepting any contests until after the June date. They had an offer yesterday through Solomons who has a contract with Mills to defend the world crown against Gus Lesnevich of Chicago, New Jersey, at New York's Polo Ground on June 22.

George Kletz of the Tournament of Champions offered the bout, which included a generous percentage, to Solomons.—Associated Press.

ENTER JOEY MAXIM

Cincinnati, Mar. 8.—Sam and Ben Becker, Cincinnati boxing promoters, have offered Jersey Joe Walcott \$75,000 to meet Joey Maxim of Cleveland in a heavyweight boxing bout here.

Ben Becker said Gus Lesnevich will also be sought if Walcott fails to agree on the match.

He said the proposal carried a \$75,000 guarantee of 30 per cent of all receipts, including television and radio.—Associated Press.

BOUT FOR O'SULLIVAN

London, Mar. 8.—Two French boxers will fight in eight-round contests on March 22 in London's Royal Albert Hall.

Theo Medina, French bantamweight champion, meets Englishman Danny O'Sullivan. Lucien Krawitz of France opposes Joe Hyman of British Gulana in a middleweight bout.—Associated Press.

TEST MATCH

Captain's Innings Saves England

Port Elizabeth, Mar. 8.—An inspired innings by England's captain, F. G. Mann, enabled England to fight their way from a desperate position in the fifth and final Test here today when, with 390 for 9 wickets at the close of play, they led by 11 runs with one wicket to fall.

South Africa were struggling to keep runs down towards the end of the day, but they could not. Mann, who hit his first Test century, was still not out with 131 to his credit when stumps were drawn.

On a turning pitch, England had lost five wickets for 168 and were struggling to avoid the follow-on with South African bowlers and fielders on their toes.

A stand of 100 by Mann and Jenkins enabled England to breathe more freely and when the rain stopped, Mann to add 75 for the seventh wicket in 45 minutes all serious danger of defeat was averted.

Unless anything sensational happens tomorrow, England seem safe from defeat and sure of the rubber, having won one and drawn three of the earlier Tests.

DETERMINATION

Mann batted with fine determination and showed discretion in picking the right ball to hit. His not out innings has, so far, included one six and 12 fours, and he has been at the wicket only 230 minutes. A remarkable contrast to the 397 minutes which Mitchell took to hit 99 on a perfect pitch.

England's rate of scoring was so good that they passed the South African score in two hours less than it had taken South Africa to hit 370.

Mann gave one difficult chance when 10, but otherwise his innings was flawless. Jenkins might have been stumped when six, but generally justified his attention at the expense of Douglas Wright, based on his superior batting.

South Africa's spinners made good use of the pitch, but both N. Mann and Rowan were tiring towards the finish of the day.

The stand between Mann and Jenkins reached exactly 100 just after tea when Jenkins was out. The next milestone was Mann's century, the first by an England captain in a Test since 1930, at Durban.

He was playing a grand innings with far more freedom than might have been thought was warranted by England's position, but it proved to be the right game.

Mann and Bedser put on 73 in 45 minutes before Bedser was out and two more wickets fell before stumps were drawn, but not before the South African total had been passed.

THE SCOREBOARD

The close of play scoreboard read:
SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 370

ENGLAND:					
Hutton, c Dawson, b Athol					
Rowan, c Mann, b A. Rowan	40				
Wright, c Dawson, b A. Rowan	30				
Crapp, c McCarthy, b A. Rowan	49				
Compton, c Wade, b Mann	4				
Watkins, c A. Rowan, b Mann	14				
F. G. Mann, not out	131				
Jenkins, b A. Rowan	5				
Bedser, b A. Rowan	5				
Griffith, c E. Rowan, b A. Rowan	10				
Rowan	33				
Extras	39				

309 for 9

Bowling to date:

	O	M	R	W
McCarthy	10	1	41	1
Dawson	3	0	10	0
Rowan	58	0	168	5
Wickett	5	0	22	0
Mann	51	18	95	3
Mitchell	5	0	26	0

Sheffield Shield

Adelaide, Mar. 8.—Victoria today won the final Sheffield Shield match of the season, beating South Australia by 271 runs.

South Australia, without the second innings services of Sir Don Bradman, who was injured on Saturday, quickly lost their remaining three wickets today for the addition of only nine runs to the overnight score.

The final scores were: Victoria 220 and 328, South Australia 154 and 132.—Reuter.

CRICKET TEAMS

Both KCC cricket teams are engaged in friendly matches this Saturday.

The seniors will meet the Optimists on the Navy ground, King's Park, and will be represented by R. E. Lee (capt), E. C. Fletcher, N. Hart Baker, Capt. W. D. M. Webb, A. Zimmern, T. A. Madar, W. Zimmern, G. E. Taylor, J. Barrow, J. H. Hewitt and V. C. Bond. Reserve, F. E. Lawrence.

The second eleven, playing at home, meet Club de Regenero. The team will be S. A. Gray (capt), S. C. Trueman, E. Randall, H. Matthews, D. G. White, E. Guest, G. H. Rosset, R. Leigh, E. A. J. Hancock, A. J. Wood and J. Tibble.

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The Duke attended the meeting of the IOC in London last year.—Reuter.

BELGIAN HONOURED

New York, Mar. 8.—Gaston Reiff, of Belgium, was today elected as the winner of the New York Athletic Writers' Association annual award to the outstanding athlete of the indoor season in New York.

The Olympic 5,000 metres champion, who was a unanimous choice, is the first foreigner to win the award. Last year's winner was Harrison Dillard, the American Negro, who won the 100 metres at the Olympics.—Reuter.

COLONY TENNIS

Choa Beats Ayres

George Choa, as many expected, beat H. A. Ayres yesterday evening to enter the last eight in the Colony Open Grasscourt Championship. The score was 6-3, 8-6.

Ayres started off in terrific style to take the first three games without the loss of an errant ball that saw him as often as not on the initiative only to mistime the return again and again.

The second set produced some bright tennis and it seemed as though Ayres would take it and force a third. At the critical stage once more he touched a patch of errors and seemed unable to time the bounce.

There were otherwise no upsets in an evening that saw three other local top-notchers in action.

Ip Koon-hung won with the loss of just one game, his opponent, Lee Yue-wing, a ranking player, making an excellent job of bending himself.

Patrick Poon took Segalen to three sets, but still lacks the setting power to turn himself into championship class.

The Java player, Lee Boon-sing, beat F. V. Harrison with the loss of only four games. The match did not produce a decisive position on which to base Lee's prospects in the tournament.

A very attractive programme this evening will decide four more places in the last eight.

THE RESULTS

Results were:
R. Segalen beat P. Poon, 6-3, 4-0, 6-2.

T. E. Baker beat Wong Shu-king, 7-5, 3-0, 6-3.

E. H. Ip beat Lee Yue-wing, 6-0, 6-1.

G. Choa beat H. Ayres, 6-3, 7-5.

Lee Boon-sing beat F. V. Harrison, 6-1, 6-3.

Tsui, Wai-pul beat F. V. Sellers, 6-2, 6-2.

TODAY'S GAMES

Court 1: Lee Wal-long v Tsui Yun-pul.

Court 2: Ho Ka-lau v J. B. Hawthorn.

Court 3: Roch Leung v Choy Tin-wah.

Court 4: T. E. Baker v R. Segalen.

OLYMPIC GAMES

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COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS By "SIDELINER"

SEEDED PAIR KNOCKED OUT IN SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES

Last night's Hongkong Badminton Championship matches played at the Kowloon Cricket Club saw the second major upset in the current tournament when the seeded pair of M. A. Oliveira and Miss Mylthie Silva bowed in defeat to Raymon Young and Miss Ulian Khoo in the first round of the Senior Mixed Doubles by 17-14, 15-12.

Heroine of the match was Miss Ulian Khoo. She gave a flawless exhibition of forceful play and her interceptions and kills at the net were made with great ability and accuracy. Seldom did a low shot get by her, and Young, in the back court, seeing his partner in such tip-top form was content to return all lobs and smashes which passed her, knowing that sooner or later Miss Khoo would make the "kill."

Oliveira was also outstanding with his smashes from the backcourt, but Miss Silva evidently had an off-night. Throughout the match Oliveira reigned supreme in the backcourt just as Miss Khoo ruled the forecourt. Though the latter's combination is usually a well-knit one, last night it sadly lacked understanding and lost many points through being caught on the same side of the court after a prolonged rally.

The game began at a fast pace and the seeded pair led 12-5 within a few minutes. Miss Khoo at this early stage tended to crowd her partner in the back court and this put him off his stroke. Realising her mistake, she moved forward and stayed by the net and, from then on, began her sparkling display.

With flicks and placement shots she levelled the score at 9-9 and 11-11.

At a crucial point in the set when Oliveira and Miss Silva were leading 12-11, the umpire ruled Miss Silva foul-faulted by moving before Miss Khoo's serve had crossed the net.

This brought the score to 12-12. Apparently disheartened by this unexpected reverse, the Recreio pair lost two more points to trail 14-12. By smashing play they levelled the set.

However Miss Khoo, with two lovely cross-court drops and a smash, won the next three points for the first set.

ARTISTRY
The second set saw Young and Miss Khoo romping into a seemingly impregnable lead of 7-1 through more artistic work by Miss Khoo. The Recreio pair seemed to come to life at this point and Oliveira's smashing and placement drives, plus beautiful interception at the net by Miss Silva, let them not only draw level but go on to lead 11-9.

Throughout the second set Young was content to "lay the foundation" while Miss Khoo finished off the work and she again came into the limelight at this stage of the game.

On the short end of 12-11, Miss Khoo unleashed some un-

her forceful smashes and expected smashes down the sidelines which caught her opponents on the wrong foot to lead 14-12. Set and match point found Oliveira smashing into the net after a short rally.

LADIES' DOUBLES
The Ladies' Doubles between Misses Inez Soares & Yolly Franco and Misses Mylthie Silva & Miss Gloria Silva was another good game with Miss Franco catching the eye with tricky drop shots.

Miss Silva was also prominent with her back court retrieves and short drops. Miss Soares was brilliant in patches but actually missed the shuttle several times through over-eagerness.

Miss Soares gave her partner ideal support in the backcourt and they ran out worthy winners 15-6, 15-11.

Mainly due to the fine game of Miss Franco at the net and the steady play of Miss Soares behind her they obtained a lead of 13-4 in the first set and then won out 15-6.

Combining better in the second set, Miss Soares and Miss Silva led 7-1. Both were seen to their best during this period, making the opposition play a defensive game.

Then, through over-eagerness, Miss Soares misjudged the flight of the shuttle three times in a row, heartening the opposition who levelled the score at 8-9.

Miss Franco then commanded the play and after each of several long rallies by all four players she put on a finishing touch to them by smashes to the corners. Lead 14-11, she then "rang the curtain" on the match with a cross court drop shot which just cleared the net.

JUNIOR DOUBLES
The Junior Doubles between David Kwok & S. P. Tao and A. J. Souza & F. M. Rozario was won by the Recreio pair after a ding-dong struggle 15-10, 15-7.

Souza and Rozario, were the stonier pair and deserved their win. Tao had no killing stroke to speak

of while Kwok's backhand was inclined to be unreliable. The first set saw Kwok relying on placements rather than speed but the Recreio pair were on the alert and won comfortably 15-10. In the second set Kwok unloaded his smashes and Tao supported him well with accurate placements. After many long sustained rallies, Kwok and Tao won 17-15.

The long rallies in the second set fired both Kwok and Tao. Both seemed to be as fresh as at the beginning and they won the deciding set as they liked at 15-7.

JUNIOR SINGLES
The Junior Men's Singles saw A. L. Fisher beating F. Brockbank 15-7, 15-10. Fisher had a greater command of strokes and he used them effectively, dictating terms to his opponent throughout the match. Brockbank never gave up fight, but he was up against a better and more experienced player.

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES
In the Junior Mixed Doubles H. J. Xavier & Miss Theresa Baptista beat T. E. Rodrigues & Miss Thelma Marques 10-15, 15-9, 15-7.

Rodrigues and Miss Marques started well and won the first set through Rodrigues' smashes from the back court with Miss Marques killing any returns that were made.

Xavier could do nothing right in the first set and Miss Baptista failed to produce any winning strokes.

The second and third set found Rodrigues, who was smashing throughout, rapidly wearing down and Xavier began to find his length with the smashes. Miss Baptista, too, began to produce winners at the net and by tricking their opponents with lobs and drops they won the second and third sets to pass into the next round.

The Junior Men's Doubles in which C. H. Ngan & M. C. Hung beat F. A. Vieira & A. J. Goncalves 15-9, 15-10 was full of thrills and spills.

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BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

Many of you have made the lives of others happier by conducting card parties to raise money for different charities, or for your lodges or own card groups. For this work I want to congratulate you.

I am giving you today one of those unusual double grand coup hands. When West held the opening lead with the ace of diamonds, he shifted to a spade. Declarer won this trick in dummy with the ten-spot, and led the seven of hearts, finessing the nine-spot. Then he went back to dummy with another spade, played the deuce of hearts and finessed the ten.

A small club was won in dummy with the king and the king of spades was led. Declarer trumped this good spade with the ace of hearts. The ten of diamonds was led to dummy's king, the three of diamonds trumped with the jack of hearts, the ace of clubs was cashed and the last club led to dummy's queen.

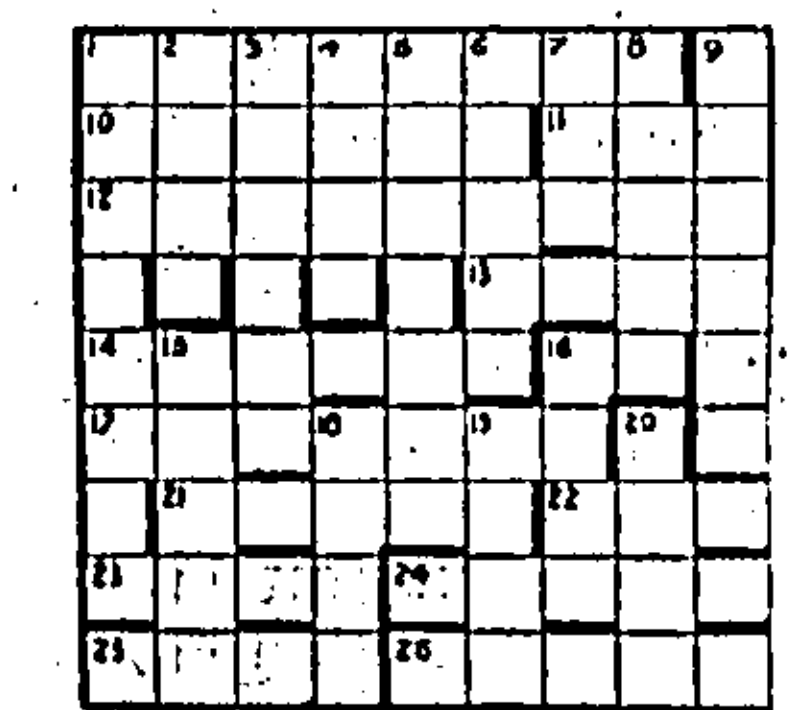
Now South led dummy's ace of spades. East had to trump it. Declarer over-trumped the five of hearts with the queen and the ace picked up the king for a double grand coup.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What is held in Rodin's "Hand of God"?
2. Do butterflies migrate?
3. Why did Chinese aristocrats wear gold cages over their long finger nails during the time of the Chinese empire?
4. How is typhus fever carried?
5. What is Quadragesima?
6. What language is spoken by the most people?

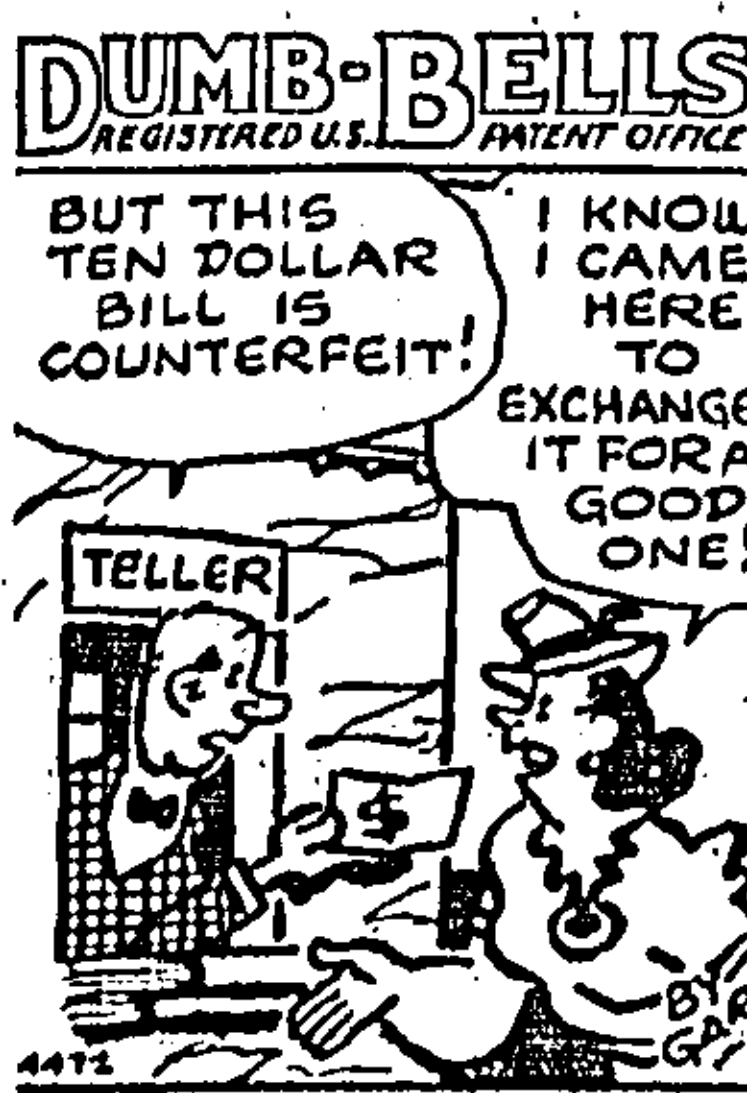
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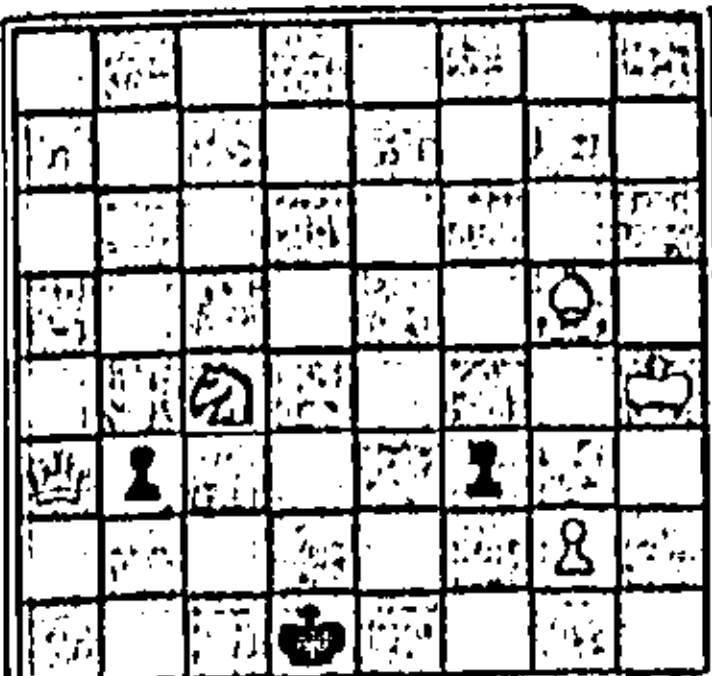
1. It makes the pot poise. (18)
2. More or wanderer. (16)
3. Bolt. (13)
4. Devoted with solemn rites. (19)
5. Chopped meat. (14)
6. Girl's name. (6)
7. This way is a secluded track. (12)
8. The driver of one team. (11)
9. Twist. (15)
10. Was and is a French measure. (13)
11. He's not always aware to prose. (14)
12. Leave out. (10)
13. Separation by cutting. (8)
14. I'll tell you a legend. (15)
15. Small measure. (3)
16. How much likely to wash ship. (10)
17. To go on the back. (10)
18. At last! (10)
19. Come in! (15)
20. It may be the last. (4)

1. A man and a woman.
2. Yes, some do. Groups of Monarch butterflies, for instance, fly from Canada and northern United States to the Gulf States.
3. To indicate that members of their class did not have to work with their hands.
4. By body lice. 5. The Lenten period of forty days' fasting. 6. The Chinese.



CHESS PROBLEM

By V. ONITU
Black, 3 pieces.



White, 5 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-Kt6, any; 2. Q, R, B, Kt, or P mides.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Ting-a-Ling Tells a Tale

—It's About a Giraffe and a Hippopotamus—

By MAX TRELL

"EVERYTHING in this world," Ting-a-Ling was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "is made for the best. Sometimes it doesn't seem so at first, but it always is."

"And that reminds me," Ting-a-Ling added, "of a story about the Giraffe and Hippopotamus."

Knarf and Hanid promptly asked Ting-a-Ling to tell them the story. He smiled and began: "Once upon a time, and not very long ago, a Giraffe and a Hippopotamus both lived in the same jungle and were neighbours of each other. The Hippopotamus often saw the Giraffe nibbling on the fresh green leaves that grew on trees, and the Giraffe just as often saw his friend the Hippopotamus standing in the warm mud of the stream that flowed close by."

"What happened?" asked Hanid eagerly.

"Well," answered Ting-a-Ling, "it seems that a fairy who lived in one of the flowers at the edge of that same jungle, heard about the envy that these two animals had for each other and decided to give each of them his wish."

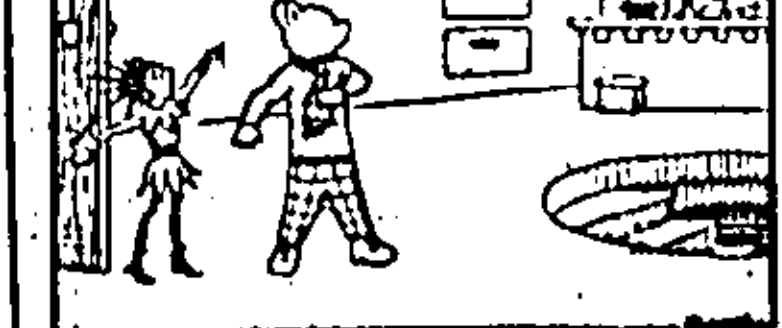
"You mean," exclaimed Knarf, "that the Hippopotamus got a neck as long as a giraffe's, and the Giraffe got a neck as stubby as a hippopotamus'?"

"Envious Creatures"

Ting-a-Ling nodded. "And now see what their wish did for these two envious creatures! The Hippopotamus, with his long neck, promptly found he could no longer get his head into the water, so that he was unable to eat the things he liked. And in a short time, he began to starve. As for the Giraffe, his neck was now so short that he was unable to reach the tender leaves high up in the trees which he was always accustomed to eating, or even to get his mouth down to the ground to crop the grass. And in a short time, he was starving too."

"You can be quite sure both the Giraffe and the Hippopotamus were glad to get their own necks back, for the fairy knew that they had learned their lesson. No one ever heard them complain, again."

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Rupert's Elfin Bell—30

Telling Rupert to go in front, the angry elf, straight into the cliff through the passage that gets darker until they reach a door. The little creature can just reach the handle, and next moment, the Rupert's amazement, they are in a brightly lit room full of wires and switches and gadgets. Behind a desk sits the largest elf he has yet seen. "There, that is our Leader," cries Rupert's small companion. "He will decide what is to be done, to strangers who find the secret way into our Elfin Castle!"

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BRONCHO BILL

Finger of Gullt

By Harry F. O'Neill

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MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

THE COUNT, HATING WAR, SAW IT ALL

FEW people, even the hottest belligerents, saw more of the war than the chief non-belligerent. His name, Count Folke Bernadotte, shot dead in Palestine last September by a senseless bullet.

He shuttled back and forth between Sweden and England, arguing on behalf of prisoners, organising exchanges. In the last days it was Bernadotte who started negotiations with Himmler for Germany's surrender.

In between he spent his time being bombed by the R.A.F. in Berlin, by the Luftwaffe in London.

"It was a privilege," he writes in his book, *INSTEAD OF ARMS* (Hodder & Stoughton, 12/6) "because it made me understand how grateful one should be that one's own country and one's own family have been spared the destruction of war."

'My aim'

And then again: "In later life I have enjoyed so much good fortune that I should deprecate to be included among the criminals and misfits if I did not try in some fashion to share part of my good fortune."

He chose the Red Cross as his medium; worked tirelessly. Yet, bombarded and endan-

gered as he was, it never seemed that Count Bernadotte really knew what the war was all about.

He hated the effects, perhaps, more than the causes. He was an a-political publicist, as a man could be. His motto in his book's foreword, the permanent argument of the neutral: "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

He died in the service of the United Nations, trying to make peace between Jew and Arab, and probably no assassination served less purpose. His epitaph could be: "A single word that he himself saw through."

Some Novels

THE BEST DAYS, by Hugh Massingham, (Cresset, 10/6). The habit of virtue fitted the Rev. Bob's Dawson as cunningly as his cloth concealed the potential danger. This respected person, falling into temptation, found that virtue is more easily assumed than practised when the flesh is weak. His decline and fall from grace was a tantalising and gradual process, but having once set foot on the slope of folly and deceit that led him to keep mysterious engagements in London, he lacked the moral stamina to pull himself up.

DEATH OF A TALL MAN, by F. and R. Lockridge, (Hutchinson, 9/6). What motive could exist for the murder of the apparently harmless and respectable eye specialist, Dr. Andrew Gordon, and later that of his resident nurse? The only person suspected would surely not also have attempted the murder of Deb Brooks with whom he was known to be in love. A Mr. and Mrs. North mystery.

THE NAZAROVES, by Markos Fischer, (Gollancz, 12/6). A novel about a country and an era big with that destiny of folly and deceit that led him to keep mysterious engagements in London, he lacked the moral stamina to pull himself up.

(Tomorrow—Recorded Music)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

BORN today, you are lively, energetic and a faithful seeker after adventure and romance. You like to be on the move all the time and monotonous routine is exceptionally tiresome. Make sure that you select a life work accordingly.

You have tremendous ambition as well as the magnetic personality and push to achieve your desires. Aim high for the stars. Have given you the talents to achieve considerable success. But persons of your temperament have a tendency to "slack off" because your talents bring mediocre rewards so easily. Don't forget that for lasting fame and fortune, you will have to work hard.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Not one of your best days, so be willing to make the best of present assets and play a waiting game.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Be very careful of all plans for business expansion. Guard your interests carefully against loss.

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S. American Buying In Europe

Washington, Mar. 8.—Department of Commerce sources said today that some United States exporters were beginning to fear the loss of their Latin-American markets owing to the expanding European trade with the Western Hemisphere.

They pointed out that several Latin-American nations have bought textile machinery and similar equipment in Europe, while there have been reports that Belgium has offered to sell steel to Latin-American customers at a price, CIF, roughly comparable to United States mill prices.

Experts here commented on the situation after Geneva press reports that a broad new programme of European trade with Latin-America may be developed which will make Latin-America one of western Europe's chief markets when the Marshall plan ends in 1952.—United Press.

Americans Plan Bigger Jap Exports

Tokyo, Mar. 8.—American headquarters foreign trade officials today disclosed that they are counselling on virtually doubling Japan's 1948 exports this year as a major contribution to the American-subsidised drive for Japanese self-sufficiency.

The officials said export contracts were running well above the 1948 levels and there was a "good chance" of reaching the tentative and informal export goal of US\$500,000,000 during 1949.

Last year Japan imported US\$683,000,000 worth of goods and services and exported only about US\$276,000,000 worth. Shifting of Japanese sales and purchases to Asiatic markets, where they must go to a large extent after the end of American economic aid, is the main aim of the Allied headquarters trade recovery programme.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

This morning's turnover on the Stock Exchange was \$479,200.00. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HK Bank	1770	1800	45 7/8
INDUSTRIALS	1770	1800	45 7/8
Union	715	20	720
Underwriters	8	10	10
N. Wharf	136	140	6 1/2
N.P. Wharf	61	600	6 1/2
Bank	25	26	10
Provident	19	19	10
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	1430	1470	500 1/4
HK Land	605	62	300 1/4
Shai Land	330	31	1050 1/4
Humbly	13	14	1050 1/4
UTILITIES			
Tram, KD	1930	1960	800 1/4
C. Light (H)	1070	1100	100 1/4
C. Light (N)	1070	1100	100 1/4
Electric, KD	374	200	371 1/2
Electric, KD	2500	600	26
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Cripps' Plan "Unacceptable," Says Harriman

Paris, Mar. 8.—Informed sources said today that the United States had turned down a British proposal that all Marshall plan countries cut their dollar imports from America by ten percent this year.

These sources said that the American Ambassador-at-large, Mr. W. Averell Harriman, had described the proposal as unacceptable to the United States.

Mr. Harriman is reported to have asked the eight-man Marshall Plan Consultative Committee meeting here to abandon the British proposal and re-open its discussion on the problem.

A spokesman for Mr. Harriman's office refused to confirm or deny that Harriman had overruled the proposal. The British plan was submitted yesterday by Sir Stafford Cripps, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, and was approved by the Committee.

The eight-man Committee, which has been meeting here since Friday, is trying to work out a plan for financial and monetary stabilisation in Europe in 1949.

Informed American quarters said Mr. Harriman's objections to the British plan were not based upon the principle of the reduction in dollar imports by western Europe, but upon the extent of such reduction and the method of its application at the present time.—United Press.

PI Govt. Urged To Take Over US Concern

Manila, Mar. 8.—A congressional committee has recommended that the Philippine government buy up Manila's American-owned telephone company.

A House of Representatives investigating committee reported that the main reason for its recommendation was the inability of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company to "give satisfactory service."

The investigators pointed out that the telephone company had been able to restore only 8,000 of the 30,000 telephone connections it had before the war. It also said that the firm's public utility functions should be taken over by the Government's bureau of telecommunications for "security reasons."

The Government, the report said, should be in a position to control the telephone system because of "improper speculations in business, such as the secret transmission of business reports in favour of the select reports made available at once to the prejudice of the general public."

NO DISCRIMINATION
The question of purchasing the telephone system will be considered by the Philippine Congress as a whole. The Company reported its physical assets at \$8,651,000 last November 3

